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McCarthy told GOP of Trump call

Said ex-president took ‘some responsibility’ for US Capitol attack
By Neil Vigdor
The New York Times

Rep. Kevin McCarthy, the House Republican leader, told GOP lawmakers in the days after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol that former President Donald Trump acknowledged that he bore “some responsibility” for what happened that day, new

audio revealed.
The audio obtained by The New York Times that emerged Friday is part of a series of new revelations about Republican leaders’ private condemnations of Trump in the days after his supporters stormed the Capitol as part of an effort to stop the certification of electoral votes for Joe Biden.
“Let me be very clear to all of you, and I have been very clear to the president: He bears responsibilities for his words and actions,” McCarthy said on the call, which took place Jan. 11. “No if, ands or

but.
“I asked him personally today, does he hold responsibility for what happened?” McCarthy said. “Does he feel bad about what happened? He told me he does have some responsibility for what happened and he’d need to acknowledge that.”
McCarthy’s assertion is at odds with the former president’s refusal, then and now, to accept responsibility for the deadly attack. It illustrates the vast gulf

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Rep. Kevin McCarthy speaks with former President Donald Trump during an event in Bakersfield, California. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2020**

EARTH DAY



Sena Wazer, with bullhorn, with Sunrise CT, leads a march to the Legislative Office Building after a climate rally organized by Sunrise CT and a coalition of advocates on Earth Day at the state Capitol on Friday. **CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

‘FIGHTING FOR OUR FUTURE’

Young people rally at state Capitol demanding end to fossil fuel plants

By Alex Putterman | Hartford Courant

Several hundred climate activists rallied at the Capitol to mark Earth Day on Friday, before marching to Gov. Ned Lamont’s office with demands for more aggressive climate action.
Holding signs reading “the emergency is here,” “renewable is do-able” and more, the rallygoers called for the state to halt permits for all fossil fuel infrastructure and for lawmakers to pass legislation that will reduce Connecticut’s carbon emissions and accelerate the state’s transition to renewable energy.



Matthew Plourd, an activist with Sunrise CT, speaks at the climate rally.

“I’m here as a voice fighting for our future, a voice Ned Lamont must listen to,” said McKena Clemons, a 15-year-old activist. “We are demanding that you act today, Mr. Governor, so we can all go to sleep knowing our state is doing its best in the fight against the climate crisis.”
The Earth Day event was organized by Sunrise Movement Connecticut, the local chapter of the national youth-led advocacy group, in collaboration with other organizations in the state. It featured more than half a dozen

speakers, most of them in their teens or 20s, as well as musical performances from several local artists.
After rallying at the Capitol, the group marched to the Legislative Office Building and then back to the Capitol, where a group of activists delivered a signed banner to members of Lamont’s staff and took turns sharing their views on what climate action should look like in Connecticut.
The organizers of Friday’s

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IT firm hoists its flag in Hartford

Larsen & Toubro plans to add up to 250 employees

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — If not for the pandemic, global information technology firm Larsen & Toubro Infotech would have hoisted its flag in Hartford two years earlier, bringing more than 200 jobs into downtown.
“The reason why Hartford became an obvious choice for us is because we have a number of customers that are in a long relationship with LTI, across at least four to five industry segments, which are based in Hartford,” Nachiket Deshpande, the company’s chief operating officer, said in an interview this week from Mumbai, India, where the software services and consulting firm is based.

LTI announced this month that it has leased space in downtown, opening a 13,000-square-foot innovation hub in the iconic Nassau Re tower on Constitution Plaza, a clear sign LTI is putting COVID-19 firmly behind it.
LTI has already hired 30 new employees for the center, with plans for bringing on board up to 250 in the coming months. The employees will follow a hybrid work schedule, with eventually up to 125 employees in the office on any one day.
Deshpande said LTI’s customers are in insurance, manufacturing, utilities and aerospace, though he declined to name them. One Hartford company has been a client for 25 years, stretching back to when LTI was founded, he said.
LTI’s announcement is the latest in a string of IT companies establishing a presence in Hartford, as the city works to raise its profile as a center for innovation in the 21st century.
A big boost to those efforts came in late 2018 when India-based Infosys said it would create a \$21 million hub downtown, hiring as many as 1,000 workers.
A year later, New Jersey-based GalaxE.Soutions established an office in downtown. Two months ago, the company said it had hired 220 and planned to nearly double

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Financial deal for state workers wins final legislative OK

Pact calls for three years of raises, one-time bonus
By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Despite complaints from Republicans about the costs, Senate Democrats granted final legislative approval

Friday for a nearly \$2 billion financial deal for 46,000 state employees in an election year.
The agreement between state employee unions and Gov. Ned Lamont calls for one-time bonuses of \$3,500 and pay increases of 2.5% in the first three years before a wage-reopener in the fourth year. Democrats who pushed for the deal warned that rejecting the

package could lead to an arbitration award of 3% per year or higher because an arbitrator recently granted a 3% award for some state employees in another contract.
After a 90-minute debate Friday, the Senate voted 22-13 on strict party lines with Sen. Dennis Bradley of Bridgeport absent.
Republicans, however, said the 1,700-page deal was overly gener-

ous at a time of economic uncertainty and sluggish job growth as the national inflation rate reaches a 40-year-high of about 8.5%. The deal will cost an additional average of \$10,000 per employee per year or \$40,000 per employee for the four-year package, Republicans said.
Besides wage increases, state employees are eligible to receive

bonuses of \$2,500 in the current fiscal year and another \$1,000 if they stay on the payroll after the new fiscal year begins on July 1.
Sen. Cathy Osten, a Sprague Democrat who co-chairs the budget-writing appropriations committee, said the deal will cover a variety of workers that include

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Legislation proposed to support children’s mental health
Three ambitious bills that aim to tackle the crisis of children’s mental health in Connecticut would devote tens of millions in funding to a broad range of initiatives. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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correctional officers in often-dangerous prisons and drivers who plow snow at 1 a.m. on state highways.

Private-sector and municipal employers are raising salaries, Osten said, adding that Madison and Greenwich have awarded raises for their town employees. Fairfield firefighters are looking for 4% pay increases, while the town offered 1.25% for four years — pushing the issue into arbitration.

“These increases are not just happening in Democratic states,” Osten said. “They’re happening in Republican states.”

If the state contract went to arbitration, it could potentially cost \$250 million more from higher wages, Osten said.

“This is a necessary contract so we can hold onto the best and brightest,” Osten said. “If we value them, we need to pay them. We need to let them know we want them to stay as employees of the state of Connecticut.”

But Sen. Craig Miner,

a Litchfield Republican, questioned the finances at a time when the legislature has not yet approved the projected \$24.2 billion annual budget for the fiscal year that starts on July 1. He noted that expenses are less than \$5 million below the state-mandated spending cap — a minuscule fraction of the overall budget.

“It’s not about whether we have good state employees who are entitled to good pay,” Miner said. “This budget is at its max.”

Sen. Ryan Fazio, a new Republican senator who won a special election in Greenwich, said that average voters will have “an anvil” on their necks as they pick up the tab for state employees. While some state employees are paid lower than their private-sector counterparts, they have far more lucrative pensions and health benefits, Fazio said.

“This proposed contract is a raw deal for the working class of this state — the middle class of this state,” Fazio said on the Senate floor. “There is no such thing as a free lunch. ... If you’re in the government class in this state and you have a lobby-

ist representing you, you’re taken care of in this state. If you’re not at the table, then you’re on the menu.”

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford said, “I choose to vote with the taxpayers and families of Connecticut ... so that they get the relief they deserve.”

A union leader at the Cheshire prison complained during a recent hearing that the conservative Yankee Institute had blasted the deal and referred to state workers as “blood-sucking ticks.”

One of the reasons for the deal is that Lamont wanted to stem the tide of retirements that are coming by June 30.

At one point, state officials thought that maybe 8,000 to 10,000 employees might be retiring — representing a large percentage of the state workforce. Instead, Democrats said the state is more on the path toward about 5,500 retirements, which they said could be attributed in part to the wage deal.

Overall, 2,256 employees have filed retirement applications, while another 3,662 have filed non-binding “intent to retire” notices,

according to statistics from the state comptroller’s office.

But Miner said that some state employees can retire and still receive the initial \$2,500 bonus by remaining long enough on the state payroll.

The retirements have been prompted by an agreement on benefits that was negotiated by SEBAC in 2017.

Employees retiring before July 1 will receive their current benefits that include a guaranteed minimum 2% cost-of-living increase in their annual pensions, as well as free health care premiums for some retirees and spouses. After that date, there will be no guaranteed 2% minimum COLA, and health care would cost roughly \$80 per month or about \$1,000 per year, officials said. The changes also include a longer wait for a cost-of-living adjustment for pension benefits, including waiting 30 months for their first COLA after retirement — instead of the current nine months.

The rules and nuances are highly complicated, and a summary of the highlights for state employees

stretches for nine typewritten pages. The state has multiple pension “tiers” that depend on when the employee was hired, and the various tiers have different rules and levels of benefits.

Close to a quarter of the state’s total workforce — roughly 13,000 employees — will be eligible for retirement on July 1.

About 8,000 executive branch workers will be eligible for retirement, and some officials expect more than 5,000 to take it. Thousands of workers in the judicial branch and within the state’s higher education system are also expected to depart on July 1, but they were not included in a study by a legislative task force analyzing the issue.

“We are facing critical staffing shortages, mass retirements and losses of mid-career staff members while struggling to attract qualified candidates,” said Amanda Tower, a correction officer and union steward at AFSCME Local 391. “This contract is about more than wages and lump sum payments. It’s about investing in our public servants—the people who make

Connecticut happen.”

One day earlier, the state House of Representatives approved the bill by 96-52 with three legislators absent.

Rep. Joe de la Cruz, a Groton Democrat who is not seeking re-election, delivered a ringing endorsement on the House floor that legislators should “show our appreciation for 46,000 people who work for the state” and provided important services during the peak of the coronavirus pandemic.

“If anybody wants to make Connecticut great again, then vote for the contract,” he said.

But Rep. Jason Perillo, a Shelton Republican, blasted the deal as hurting the taxpayers who must pay nearly \$2 billion for the agreement.

The deal provides “a benefit to 43,000 [full-time] people that hurts the other 3.5 million,” Perillo said. “We need to think about them when we cast this vote. We’ve got to remember everybody, folks.”

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McCarthy

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between the private, derisive tone Republican leaders use about the former president and their public flattery of the de facto leader of their party.

Trump did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

McCarthy was asked in a news conference earlier this year about the call with House Republicans after the attack. He sidestepped the question: “I’m not sure what call you’re talking about.”

The New York Times on Thursday reported that McCarthy told Republicans he planned to urge Trump to resign. The reporting is based on the upcoming book “This Will Not Pass: Trump, Biden and the Battle

for America’s Future” by reporters Jonathan Martin and Alexander Burns.

McCarthy disputed that reporting, releasing a statement Thursday calling the report “totally false and wrong.” His spokesman, Mark Bednar, told the newspaper, “McCarthy never said he’d call Trump to say he should resign.”

But in an audio clip obtained by the Times of a different phone call with Republican lawmakers, McCarthy said he would tell Trump of the impeachment resolution: “I think this will pass, and it would be my recommendation you should resign.”

In that phone call, on Jan. 10, 2021, McCarthy was sharply critical of Trump.

“I’ve had it with this guy,” McCarthy said in another audio clip obtained by the

Times. “What he did is unacceptable. Nobody can defend that, and nobody should defend it.”

The Times has reviewed the full recording of the conversation, which runs just over an hour.

In the wake of the audio release, McCarthy worked swiftly to shore up support among Republicans, calling and texting many lawmakers about his conversation with Trump as he rushed to contain the fallout.

As the House GOP leader, McCarthy is in line to become speaker if Republicans win control in the fall’s election, and he is heavily reliant on Trump’s support to get there.

McCarthy — who on Thursday had a conversation with Trump that a person familiar with the phone call described as

“positive” — appeared to be suffering little political blowback Friday.

“I’m not mad at you,” Trump told McCarthy in a call Thursday afternoon, according to a second person familiar with the conversation. Both people were granted anonymity to discuss the call. McCarthy and his office did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the Trump call.

Several Republican lawmakers came out in force Friday to defend McCarthy and reiterate that his road to speakership is still on track.

Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-Texas, tweeted that months from now, Republicans will win back the majority “and Kevin McCarthy will be Speaker of the House.”

On a Fox Business show, Rep. Nancy Mace of South

Carolina said she supports McCarthy “100%.”

Trump and McCarthy had a strained relationship immediately after the Capitol attack, but mended their alliance after the GOP leader flew to the former president’s resort in Florida to patch up their differences.

There has been no indication that McCarthy actually told Trump he should resign. In the same conversation, McCarthy told his colleagues he doubted Trump would take the advice to step aside rather than be pushed.

“That would be my recommendation,” McCarthy is heard saying in response to a question from Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., who would emerge as a staunch Trump critic. “I don’t think he will take it, but I don’t know.”

The crowd that attacked the Capitol marched there from a rally near the White House where Trump had implored them to fight to overturn the election result. However, he has strongly denied responsibility for the violence and remains the most popular figure in the Republican Party.

McCarthy indicated during an interview with The Associated Press this week in California how important Trump remains to his party and its prospects for winning control of the House this fall. “He’ll motivate, get a lot of people out,” McCarthy said at a GOP event in Fresno.

President Joe Biden, asked about McCarthy’s situation Friday, said: “This ain’t your father’s Republican Party.”

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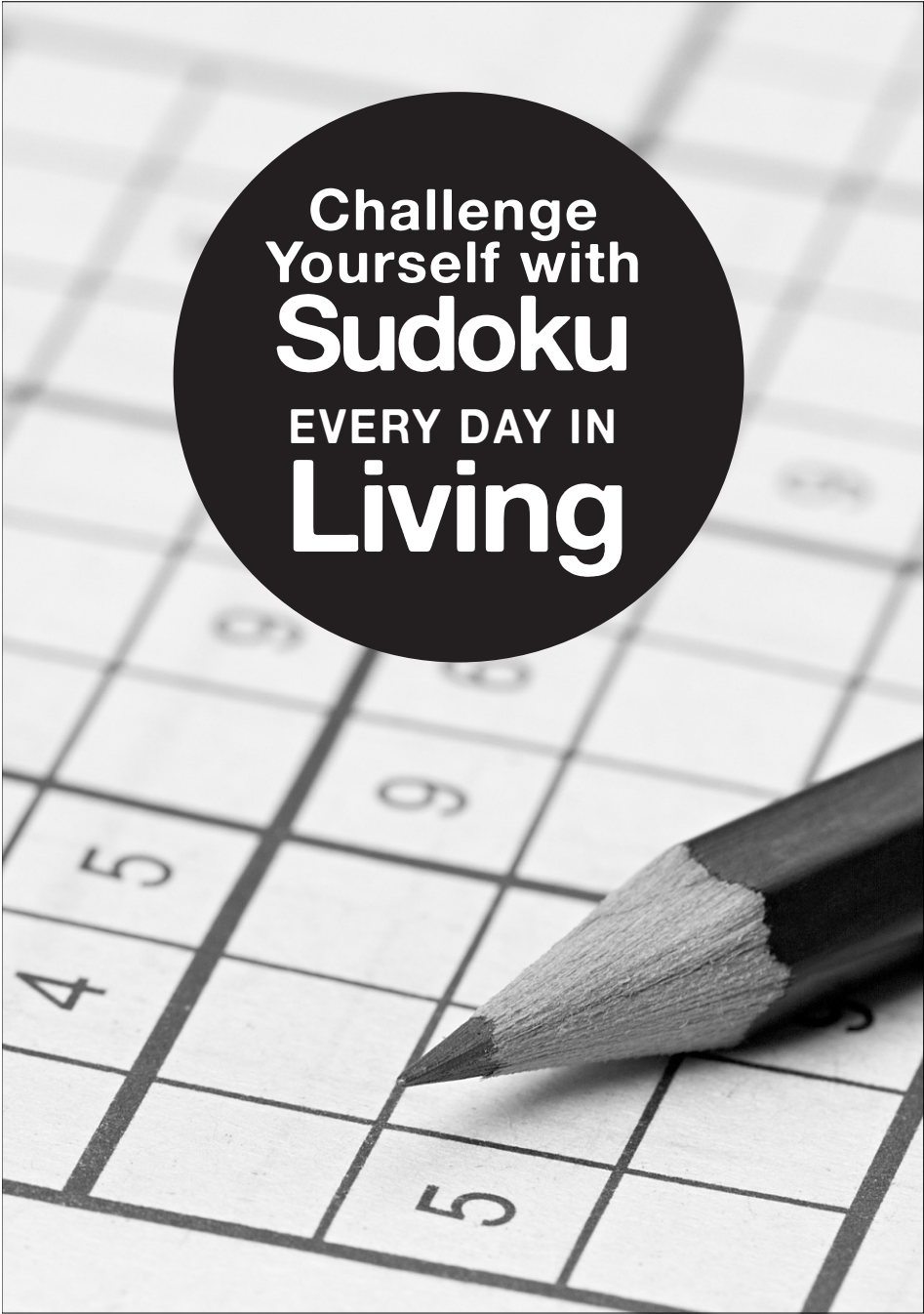
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NEWS BRIEFING

Officials and report: Meadows registered to vote in 3 states

From news services

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Mark Meadows — a former chief of staff to President Donald Trump who was removed from North Carolina voter rolls this month — is still a registered voter in two other states, according to officials and a published report.

Chris Whitmire, a spokesperson for the South Carolina Elections Commission, told The Associated Press the former Republican congressman and his wife registered as voters in the state in March 2022.

“That’s when he became active,” Whitmire said, noting that neither Meadows had yet cast a vote in the state. “From our perspective, it just looks like any new South Carolina voter.”

The South Carolina registration was first reported by The Washington Post, which noted that Meadows had been a registered voter simultaneously in three states — the Carolinas and Virginia — until North

Carolina removed him from its rolls earlier this month. Meadows remains a registered Virginia voter, the paper reported.

An email sent by The Associated Press to the Virginia Department of Elections was not immediately returned Friday.

Mark and Debra Meadows bought a home on Lake Keowee for \$1.6 million in July, according to records for the property, which was listed on their South Carolina voter registration records.

A representative for Meadows declined to comment Friday on the South Carolina voter registration.

Public records indicate Meadows had been registered to vote in Virginia and North Carolina, where he listed a mobile home that he never owned — and may never have visited — weeks before casting an absentee 2020 presidential election ballot in the state. Trump, for whom Meadows was

serving as chief of staff in Washington at the time, won the battleground state by just over 1 percentage point.

Last month, North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein’s office asked the State Bureau of Investigation to investigate.

About a year after he registered in North Carolina, Meadows registered to vote in Alexandria, Virginia, just weeks before Virginia’s governor’s election last fall, the records indicate.

Meadows frequently raised the prospect of voter fraud before the 2020 presidential election and in the months after Trump’s loss.

Protecting forests: President Joe Biden on Friday signed an executive order intended to help restore national forests devastated by wildfires, drought and blight, using an Earth Day visit to Seattle to press for more action on the environment.

Biden’s order directs federal land managers



Earth Day: A Buddhist monk arranges a light during an Earth Day celebration Friday at a temple near Bangkok. Earth Day is recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by over 1 billion people annually as a day of action to change behavior and create global, national and local policy changes, according to earthday.org. **MANAN VATSYAYANA/GETTY-APP**

to define and inventory mature and old-growth forests nationwide within a year. The order requires the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service to identify threats to older trees, such as wildfire and climate change, and develop policies to safeguard them.

Russian mercenaries: The French military has released videos appearing to show Russian mercenaries burying bodies near an army base in northern Mali, which it says is part of a smear campaign against the French who handed the base to Malian forces this week.

Aerial surveillance images taken by the French military Thursday show what appear to be 10 soldiers covering approximately a dozen Malian bodies with sand 2.5 miles east of the Gossi military base in the country’s north, according to a French military officer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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the workforce in Hartford.

And in 2021, HCL Technologies, an Indian technology company, leased space at State House Square and announced plans to hire 200 for a new global delivery center downtown.

The Computing Technology Industry Association, an industry group, recently included Hartford in its 2022 Top 20 list of cities nationwide where demand for tech workers was the strongest. Hartford came in 19th.

CompTIA reported that Hartford was one of the top cities where IT professionals relocated to during the pandemic. The Hartford metro area, which includes Hartford, Tolland and Middlesex counties, posted a total of 21,683 open tech jobs in 2021 — a number that is expected to climb to 26,000 by 2026, CompTIA reported.

“IT has become one of our hottest sectors,” said David Griggs, president and chief executive of the MetroHartford Alliance, the region’s chamber of commerce. “In terms of our national presence it reinforces that #19 ranking and, I think, we’ll continue to climb that list.”

Griggs said IT companies are, in part, opening regional hubs because major clients no longer want to have IT consultants housed exclusively on their campuses as they seek to economize on space.

“They are here to be close to their clients, which is



Global information technology firm Larsen & Toubro Infotech has established a regional hub at the “Boat Building” on Hartford’s Constitution Plaza. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

awesome,” Griggs said. “But they now have the opportunity to double-down on a U.S. presence and say, ‘Ok, if we can seat 300 [employees] maybe we can seat 500’ and expand their market reach.”

That, Griggs said, is good for economic development in and around Hartford. One challenge that does loom is more tech workers are needed in the Hartford to fill an increasing number of jobs.

Across Connecticut, tech jobs increased by 8%

between 2015 and 2021, according to the latest statistics available from the state labor department.

In downtown Hartford, an influx of workers would be welcomed by restaurants and other businesses, now adjusting to major employers instituting hybrid work schedules in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said LTI is a strong example of company that is adopting a hybrid workplace but still expanding its space

in Hartford.

“As we all try to understand the impact of the changing nature of work, one of the things that I’ve always believed is there is an opportunity for places like Hartford,” Bronin said. “The cost of operating and the cost of real estate is substantially cheaper but where there are locational advantages and the concentration of global leaders in multiple sectors makes Hartford a really attractive place to do business.”

LTT’s Deshpande said the

firm’s space in the “Boat Building” — so nicknamed because of its two-sided shape — will be used as an engagement center to meet with clients to develop new digital transformation strategies and prototypes.

Deshpande said he expects the space will be used to collaborate with the community, colleges and universities as well as host events such as hackathons, which develop new software ideas in a short period of time.

LTI’s Hartford center is the fourth of six that LTI plans for the U.S., following Edison, N.J., Milwaukee and Houston.

LTI already employs 500 in the Hartford area, most of them are located within the companies that are LTI clients, Deshpande said.

The hiring tied to the Constitution Plaza site would come on top of that, although all workers in the Hartford area will have access to the center, Deshpande said.

LTI specializes in data and analytics alongside developing software that manages a company’s financials, supply chain, operations, manufacturing and human resources. In more recent years, LTI has developed a growing service line around cloud storage.

Although based in India, about 75% of LTT’s revenues come from North America, and the majority from the U.S., Deshpande said. Financial services, banking and insurance account for about 45% of the firm’s revenue.

The International architectural style of the Boat Building, erected in 1963 for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., its successor, the Phoenix Cos., was acquired by Nassau Re in 2016.

“The iconic nature of the building attracted us,” Deshpande said. “It is a well-known address. And for this kind of engagement, it definitely was an attraction.”

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Rally

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event emphasized two main demands: that Lamont direct the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to stop permitting all new fossil fuel infrastructure in the state and that the state prioritize environmental justice in its climate-mitigation efforts.

“Particularly for us young people, we have grown up feeling like we’ve been robbed of something,” said Matthew Plourd, 20, deputy co-director of Sunrise Movement Connecticut. “We’ve been robbed of a childhood, and now we’re being robbed of a future because of the lack of action on the part of folks like the governor and the legislature.”

Max Reiss, a Lamont spokesperson, noted that the governor has opposed the construction of a large power plant in Killingly and said Lamont “would definitely have pause, at the very least, regarding the authorization of future fossil fuel plants.”

Meanwhile, Lamont marked Earth Day on Friday with a news conference urging legislators to pass a bill that would establish new emissions standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, which proponents say would significantly reduce transportation emissions in the state.

Plourd said Sunrise



Keila Silva, left, and Raina McGillicuddy applaud a speaker Friday at a climate rally at the state Capitol on Earth Day. The rally was organized by Sunrise CT and a coalition of advocates. Silva and McGillicuddy are freshmen at Suffield High School and members of the Suffield Sustainability Council at the school. Climate advocates are calling on the state to cease the permitting of all new fossil fuel infrastructure. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

supports that bill, as well as others the governor has pushed for, but wants to see Lamont go further in prioritizing climate issues.

“There has been good work done, but it’s not enough,” he said. “We’ve had to over the past months wonder if the governor really

knows what is enough, if he really knows the scale of this crisis and is willing to do things at that scale.”

Several speakers focused Friday on the need for climate action to center Black, Latino and indigenous groups, who are often affected most directly by air

pollution, extreme weather and other byproducts of carbon emissions.

“Racial capitalism has ingrained in us that profits matter more than people, but we know that is false,” said Kat Morris, a 23-year-old UConn alum and climate activist. “We’re here today

because we believe environmental justice can be a reality today, and we demand to make that real.”

In addition to the bill regarding emissions from medium- heavy-duty vehicles, lawmakers are also currently weighing various legislation that would incen-

tivize the purchase of electric vehicles, remove caps on solar energy, decarbonize the state’s electric grid and make climate change education a required aspect of science curriculum in public schools.

State Rep. Anne Hughes, a Democrat from Easton who co-chairs the legislature’s Progressive Caucus, joined Friday’s rally and helped activists enter the governor’s office after its doors were initially locked shut. Afterward, she praised the crowd for exerting pressure on lawmakers, who have only days left to pass meaningful climate legislation during the current session.

“Nothing moves [in the Capitol] unless there’s a lot of determination and strong push,” Hughes said. “The strong push from the young people, I’m like if we don’t listen to this now, this window is so. ... short. ... There is no other opportunity to make bold change.”

Next time, Hughes said, she hopes for an even larger demonstration.

“I wish this were way bigger,” she said. “I wish schools had let out and there had been climate strikes and we had been laying down in the streets, because that’s the level of urgency and demand that we need to make to make this bold policy change.”

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Kyiv: Russians shift from Mariupol

Elite units appear to redeploy ahead of eastern offensive

By David Keyton and Yesica Fisch
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia shifted a dozen crack military units from the shattered port of Mariupol to eastern Ukraine and pounded away at cities across the region, Ukrainian authorities said Friday, as the two sides hurtled toward what could be an epic battle for control of the country’s industrial heartland.

Meanwhile, Russia reported that one serviceman was killed and 27 others were missing after the fire on board the warship Moskva, which sank a week ago following what the Ukrainians boasted was a missile attack. Moscow previously reported everyone aboard had been rescued.

The Russian Defense Ministry did not acknowledge an attack on the ship. It continued to say a fire broke out after ammunition detonated, without explaining how that happened.

Nevertheless, outside military analysts say the loss of the guided missile cruiser — the flagship of Russia’s Black Sea fleet — was a humiliating setback for Moscow.

In Mariupol, reduced largely to smoking rubble by weeks of bombardment, Russian state TV showed the flag of the pro-Moscow Donetsk separatists raised on what it said was the city’s highest point, its TV tower. It also showed what it said was the main building at Mariupol’s besieged Azovstal steel plant in flames.



A nurse speaks Friday to a woman forced to flee to the city of Severodonetsk in eastern Ukraine. YASUYOSHI CHIBA/GETTY-AFP

pol’s besieged Azovstal steel plant in flames.

The Kremlin has thrown more than 100,000 troops and mercenaries from Syria and Libya into the fight in Ukraine and is deploying additional forces in the country every day, said Oleksiy Danilov, secretary of Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council.

“We have a difficult situation, but our army is defending our state,” he said.

Numerous cities and villages came under bombardment in the Donbas the industrial region in the east that the Kremlin has declared the new, main theater of war as well as in the Kharkiv region just to the west, and in the south, authorities said.

Russian forces pummeled an estimated 2,000 Ukrainian fighters holed up inside the sprawling Azovstal plant, the last known pocket of resistance in the strategic southern port city, the mayor’s office reported.

“Every day they drop several bombs on Azovstal,” said Petro Andryushchenko, an adviser to Mariupol’s mayor. “Fighting, shelling, bombing do not stop.”

A day earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin

declared victory in the battle for Mariupol despite the steel-mill holdouts. He ordered his forces not to storm the plant to finish off the defenders but to seal it off instead in an apparent bid to force them to surrender.

Also on Thursday, satellite photos from Maxar Technologies revealed what appeared to be rows upon rows of more than 200 freshly dug mass graves on the outskirts of Mariupol, prompting accusations that the Russians are trying to conceal the slaughter of civilians taking place in the city.

Initial estimates from the Ukrainians said the graves could hold 9,000 bodies.

There was no immediate reaction from the Kremlin to the satellite pictures.

Mariupol has taken on outsized importance in the war. Capturing it would deprive the Ukrainians of a vital port and complete a land corridor between Russia and the Crimean Peninsula, which Putin seized from Ukraine in 2014.

It would also allow Putin to throw more of his forces into the potentially climactic battle for the Donbas and its coal mines, factories and other industries, or what the

Kremlin has now declared to be its main objective.

Danilov reported that some 12 to 14 of Russia’s elite military units have left Mariupol and begun moving to the east to take part in the fighting there.

“It will now be difficult for our forces, because our guys in Mariupol were taking (those units) on themselves. It is their courage and feat,” he said.

Danilov also said Kyiv managed to deliver weapons via helicopter at great risk under cover of night to the Mariupol steel plant, which has been bombarded for weeks.

Putin said Russia gave Ukrainian forces inside the plant the option to surrender, with guarantees to keep them alive, and offered “decent treatment and medical care,” according to an account of a phone call with European Council President Charles Michel, provided by the Kremlin.

“But the Kyiv regime does not allow them to take this opportunity,” Putin charged.

More than 100,000 people down from a prewar population of about 430,000 are believed trapped in Mariupol with little food, water or heat, and over 20,000 civilians have been killed in the nearly two-month siege, according to Ukrainian authorities.

Days into the Russian offensive to take the east, the campaign has yet to become a full-out assault, with military analysts saying Moscow’s forces are still ramping up and have not achieved any major breakthroughs in the Donbas or gained any significant ground.

Israeli police storm holy site after stones thrown

Medics: Dozens of Palestinians hurt in latest violence

By Joseph Krauss
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli police in full riot gear stormed a sensitive Jerusalem holy site sacred to Jews and Muslims on Friday after Palestinian youths hurled stones at a gate where they were stationed.

The renewed violence came despite Israel temporarily halting Jewish visits, which are seen by Palestinians as a provocation. Medics said more than two dozen Palestinians were wounded before the clashes subsided hours later.

Friday evening, Israel said Palestinians in Gaza fired two rockets from the territory. One rocket landed in an open area in southern Israel and the other fell in Gaza. Palestinian media reported that two Gaza residents were injured from the rocket that landed short. There was no immediate comment from local health officials.

In Jerusalem, tens of thousands of Muslims took part in the main Friday prayers at midday, which were held as planned.

Palestinians and Israeli police have regularly clashed at the site over the last week at a time of heightened tensions following a string of deadly attacks inside Israel and arrest raids in the occupied West Bank. Three rockets have been fired into Israel from the Gaza Strip, which is the base of the Islamic militant group Hamas.

The string of events has raised fears of a repeat of last year, when protests and violence in Jerusalem eventually boiled over, helping to ignite an 11-day conflict between Israel and Hamas, and communal violence in Israel’s mixed cities.

Palestinian youths hurled stones toward police at a gate leading into the compound, according to two Palestinian witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity out of security concerns. The police then entered the compound, firing rubber bullets and stun grenades.

Israeli police said the Palestinians, some carrying Hamas flags, had begun stockpiling stones and erecting fortifications before dawn. The police said that after the rock-throwing began, they waited until after early-morning prayers had finished before entering

the compound.

Video footage showed police firing at a group of journalists holding cameras and loudly identifying themselves as members of the press. At least three Palestinian reporters were wounded by rubber bullets.

The Palestinian Red Crescent medical service said at least 31 Palestinians were wounded, including 14 who were taken to hospitals. A policewoman was hit in the face by a rock and taken for medical treatment, the police said.

The violence later subsided after another group of dozens of Palestinians said they wanted to clean the area ahead of the main weekly prayers midday. Those went ahead, with some 150,000 worshippers attending, according to the Islamic endowment that administers the site.

After prayers, a small group of Palestinians waving Hamas flags marched in protest and tried to break into an empty police post inside the compound. The police used a drone to drop tear gas on them, sending crowds of people scattering across the grounds.

The Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem’s Old City is the third holiest site in Islam. The sprawling plaza on



Three people in masks are seen Friday near the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem’s Old City. The site is considered among the holiest in Islam and the holiest for Jews. MAHMOUD ILLEAN/AP

which it is built is the holiest site for Jews, who refer to it as the Temple Mount because it was the location of two Jewish temples in antiquity.

Palestinians and neighboring Jordan, the custodian of the site, accuse Israel of violating longstanding arrangements by allowing increasingly large numbers of Jews to visit the site under police escort. A longstanding prohibition on Jews praying at the site has eroded in recent years, fueling fears among Palestinians that Israel plans to take over

the site or partition it.

Israel says it remains committed to the status quo and blames the violence on incitement by Hamas. It says its security forces are acting to remove rock-throwers in order to ensure freedom of worship for Jews and Muslims.

Visits by Jewish groups were halted beginning Friday for the last 10 days of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, as they have been in the past.

This year, Ramadan coincided with the weeklong Jewish Passover and major

Christian holidays, with tens of thousands of people from all three faiths flocking to the Old City after the lifting of most coronavirus restrictions.

The Old City is in east Jerusalem, which Israel captured along with the West Bank and Gaza in the 1967 Mideast war. Israel annexed east Jerusalem in a move not recognized internationally and considers the entire city its capital. The Palestinians seek an independent state in all three territories and view east Jerusalem as their capital.

UN outlines ‘horror story’ of potential Russian war crimes in Ukraine

By Nick Cumming-Bruce
The New York Times

GENEVA — The United Nations on Friday detailed a “horror story” of possible war crimes and abuses unfolding in Ukraine, citing indiscriminate shelling, hundreds of summary executions and the widespread devastation of civilian lives.

“International humanitarian law has not merely been ignored but seemingly tossed aside,” Michelle

Bachelet, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, said in a statement.

She called the strike on the train station in Kramatorsk, which killed more than 50 civilians and injured scores, “emblematic of Russian forces’ indiscriminate bombardment of civilian targets” that may amount to war crimes.

“Our work to date has detailed a horror story of violations perpetrated against civilians,” she said in the statement.

While Ukrainian forces have committed abuses, including ill treatment or torture of prisoners of war, “the vast majority” of alleged abuses were attributed to Russian armed forces, Ravina Shamdasani, a spokesperson for the U.N. human rights office, told a news briefing in Geneva.



Putin

She said U.N. human rights monitors in Ukraine had documented the summary execution of 50 civilians in Bucha, a few miles west of Kyiv, Ukraine’s capital. Monitors are investigating allegations involving the killings of more than 300 civilians in other areas that had been controlled by Russian forces and also 75 cases of sexual violence, Shamdasani added.

The latest U.N. data show that 2,435 civilians have been confirmed killed in the

fighting since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine — but the true toll is likely far higher.

“There already has been a bloodbath,” Shamdasani said. “We are very worried about what’s coming next.”

The U.N. estimates that at least 3,000 civilians have died because they were unable to access medical care or due to strenuous conditions — which includes being forced to shelter in basements or apartments for days or weeks on end, Bachelet’s statement said.

It cited widespread detention of civilians by Russian forces — with monitors confirming 155 cases — including of local officials, journalists and human rights activists. Some were reportedly tortured or ill-treated and left without food or water, the statement added.

“Those in command of armed forces must make it clear to their fighters that anyone found to have been involved in such violations will be prosecuted and held accountable,” Bachelet said.

WORLD & NATION

Palin pushes a political comeback

Ex-governor and VP nominee seeking a seat in the US House

By **Becky Bohrer** and **Mark Thiessen**
Associated Press

WASILLA, Alaska — Sarah Palin isn’t used to sharing the spotlight. In the nearly 14 years since she burst onto the national political scene, the former Alaska governor has appeared on reality television programs, written books, spent time as a Fox News contributor, formed a political action committee in her name and been a rumored White House contender. She more recently revived her status as a conservative sensation with an ultimately unsuccessful lawsuit against The New York Times. Now, the first Republican female vice presidential nominee is vying for what could be considered a less glamorous role: a member of the U.S. House.

Palin is among 48 candidates running for Alaska’s lone House seat following the death last month of Republican Rep. Don Young, who held the job for nearly 50 years. If successful, Palin would be one of 435 members in a chamber where ambition runs deep, but legislating is tough, in no small part because of the populist politics that took hold in the aftermath of the 2008 election. Given those dynamics, it would be easy to dismiss Palin’s candidacy as the latest headline-grabbing twist in an unconventional career. Some of Palin’s critics have sought to cast her as an opportunist seeking to bolster her brand. The opinion section of the website of Alaska’s largest newspaper is dotted with letters to the editor urging Alaskans to reject her run. Some remind readers she left the



Sarah Palin, right, at the opening of her new campaign headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska. The former governor is among dozens of candidates running for Alaska’s lone U.S. House seat following the death of Rep. Don Young in March. **MARK THIESSEN/AP**

last major job she had in politics, as Alaska’s governor, with about 16 months left in her term. But Palin, 58, dismissed such critiques. She insisted her commitment to Alaska has not wavered and those who suggest otherwise “don’t know me.” She said she is serious about seeking the House seat and doesn’t need a “launching pad for anything else.” In fact, she said, her unique place in American politics would put her in a stronger position in Washington. Unlike other freshmen lawmakers, she said, she could “pick up the phone and call any reporter and be on any show if I wanted to, and it would be all about Alaska.” “I love to work, and anyone who is around me, they know,” she said. “What I’m doing is applying for a job, for Alaskans, saying: ‘Hey, you guys would be my boss. Do you want to hire

me? Because if you do, I’ll do a good job for you, and I won’t back down.’” In Anchorage this week, Palin and the youngest of her five children, son Trig, attended the opening of her campaign office. She stopped to talk to reporters before entering the building, which had been the headquarters for Donald Trump’s presidential campaign. Inside, Palin posed for photos with supporters and chatted with several before cutting and serving a cake that featured her campaign slogan, “Sarah for Alaska.” “I mean, we’re going to just, you know, stick with the issues and stick with the plans that we have for Alaska,” she told supporters. Jobs for Alaskans from the state’s rich natural resources would be her first priority if elected, she said, and called the state “the Fort Knox of our great Union.” There’s only one former governor who is currently

a member of the House — Democrat Charlie Crist of Florida. Palin faces several hurdles to get there. One is navigating elections that will unfold in rapid order. A June 11 special primary will be the first statewide by-mail election. The four candidates who get the most votes will advance to an Aug. 16 special election, in which ranked-choice voting will be used. The winner will serve the remainder of Young’s term, which expires in January. There also will be an August primary and November general election to determine who will serve a two-year term starting in January. Palin is one of 16 candidates so far to have filed for the regular primary. Some voters question Palin’s decision to leave the governor’s office, a move she has attributed to an onslaught of records requests and ethics

complaints she said were frivolous and had become distractions. She has spent time out of the state but maintains a home in Wasilla, her hometown and where she got her start in politics. “Well, I’m sorry if that narrative is out there because it’s inaccurate,” she told the AP of the perception she had left Alaska behind. She said Alaska is her home and that she was “shoveling moose poop” on a recent sunny day before calling a reporter. She has regularly voted in state elections since leaving office, according to the Division of Elections. “I’m still all about Carhartts and steel-toed boots and just hard work,” Palin said, referring to a popular brand of outerwear. “I just have been blessed with opportunities and a platform to get out there and tell and show other people the beauty of being an Alas-

kan.” The contest in Republican-leaning Alaska will do little to change the balance of power in Washington. But the election is being closely watched as a barometer of Trump’s connection to the GOP’s most loyal voters. In Wasilla, Trump 2020 or Trump 2024 banners fly from several homes, the few political signs seen so far this election year. Palin said if Trump runs for president in 2024 and asks her to be his running mate, she’d consider it, though she said he could choose anyone and they haven’t had such a candid conversation. Palin said Trump was among those who contacted her after Young’s death asking if she would be willing to run. She said this is a good time in her life to seek a return to office, politically and personally. Her family life has changed, she noted, with her four older children grown. Trig is in middle school. Palin was divorced from Todd Palin, her husband of more than 30 years, in 2020. Palin said she feels like she has “nothing to lose” in running. After having her political and personal life in the media glare for so long, “what more can they say?” she said, adding later: “To me, it’s freedom.” Trump has endorsed Palin and has made the state’s senior U.S. senator, Lisa Murkowski, one of his top targets this year after she criticized him and voted to convict him during his second impeachment trial. Even if Palin doesn’t win the election, she could emerge as a high-wattage critic of Murkowski, who faces voters later this year. Palin said she disagrees with Murkowski on some of her positions, including her vote to convict Trump during his second impeachment trial. But on issues like resource development in Alaska, Palin said she believed they would be “on the same sheet of music.”



Customers, including some in face masks, shop at Philadelphia’s Reading Terminal Market on Friday. A renewed indoor mask mandate in the city lasted only a few days. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

Philadelphia officials defend quick reversal of mask order

By **Michael Rubinkam**
Associated Press

People in Philadelphia could be excused if they felt a sense of whiplash Friday as the city abandoned its indoor mask mandate just days after becoming the first U.S. metropolis to reimpose compulsory masking in response to an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. City officials who had previously stressed the need to head off a new wave of coronavirus infections by requiring people to mask up indoors abruptly called it off after what they said was an unexpected drop in hospitalizations and a leveling-off of new infections. The city had taken plenty of heat for the renewed masking order, with a lawsuit already filed and two of the three leading Democratic candidates for Pennsylvania’s open U.S. Senate seat expressing opposition to it at a debate Thursday night. But city officials insisted Friday their decision was about the data, not any external legal or political pressure. “I had said when I announced this that if we

didn’t see hospitalizations rising, that we needed to rethink this and that we shouldn’t have a mandate. So that’s what we’re doing today,” the city’s health commissioner, Dr. Cheryl Bettigole, said at a virtual news conference Friday. Still, the city’s on-again, off-again decision-making left some people scratching their heads. Jesse Andreozzi manages a vegan restaurant that spent hundreds of dollars on masks for guests and staff in anticipation that the mandate would last a few months. He said city officials were “flip-floppy” when it came to masks. “I can understand if the numbers took a hard turn and were really bad, but the fact they decided and undecided so quickly doesn’t make a lot of sense,” Andreozzi said. The quick about-face in Philadelphia came as travelers across the country removed masks in response to a federal judge’s ruling that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention overstepped its authority in issuing a mask mandate on planes and trains and in travel hubs.

The Biden administration is appealing. In the absence of a federal mandate, municipal transit agencies were left to decide for themselves, spawning a patchwork of rules. Philadelphia’s transit authority dropped its mask mandate after the legal ruling, while Los Angeles County bucked national trends and said Thursday it will still require masks on public transit including trains, subways, buses, taxis and rideshares. City officials said their decision to rescind the mandate was based on the numbers, even though daily fluctuations are common. Hospitalizations peaked at 82 on Sunday and have since drifted down, to 65 on Thursday, according to the Department of Public Health. New confirmed infections reached a peak of 377 on April 14 but have since leveled off. City health officials said that was enough to convince them that mandatory masking was no longer needed. “It is a very short span of time, because that’s the span of time we needed to see what was going to happen next,” Bettigole said.

During hearing, Rep. Greene denies any role in Capitol riot

By **Kate Brumback**
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene pushed back during testimony Friday in a hearing on her eligibility to run for reelection, saying she did not remember liking and making various social media posts surrounding the attack on the U.S. Capitol last year and accusing an opposing lawyer of speculating and twisting her words. Voters in the Georgia Republican’s district have said Greene helped facilitate the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection that disrupted certification of President Joe Biden’s victory, making her ineligible for reelection under a rarely cited section of the 14th Amendment dealing with “insurrection or rebellion.” But Greene — who, the day before the Capitol riot, proclaimed on TV that this is “our 1776 moment” — testified that she has never endorsed violence. Greene is set to appear on the Republican ballot for Georgia’s May 24 primary and has been endorsed by former President Donald Trump. The administrative law judge overseeing the hearing is not the ultimate decider of Greene’s candidacy since he must present his findings to Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who then must determine whether Greene is qualified. Greene has repeatedly denied aiding or engaging in an insurrection and has filed a lawsuit alleging that the law the voters are using to challenge her eligibility is itself unconstitutional. But Ron Fein, a lawyer for the voters who filed the challenge, said Greene took an oath and then broke it by engaging in an insurrection. While Greene wasn’t on the steps of the Capitol, she nevertheless played an important role in stoking



U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene testifies during a hearing Friday in Atlanta, denying claims that she violated her oath of office by engaging in an insurrection. **JOHN BAZEMORE/AP**

Republican fury ahead of the attack, Fein said. Unlike past insurrections, like the Civil War, that involved military uniforms and tactics, he said, “The leaders of this insurrection were among us, on Facebook, on Twitter, on corners of social media that would make your stomach hurt.” Andrew Celli, a lawyer for the voters, cross-examined Greene about posts on her social media accounts. When asked about the fact that her Facebook account had, in 2019, “liked” a post calling for Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to be shot in the head, Greene said she had no memory of doing that and said someone else could have been responsible. Whenever Celli suggested that she’d endorsed the use of violence to interrupt the certification of the electoral votes, Greene asserted that she doesn’t support violence and was encouraging peaceful protest. Celli played a clip of an interview Greene did the day before the riot in which she said this is “our 1776 moment.” When Celli asked if she was aware that some Trump supporters used that reference as a call to violence, Greene said that wasn’t her intention and

that she was talking about her plans to object to the certification of electoral votes. “I was talking about the courage to object,” she said. James Bopp, a lawyer for Greene, said his client “did not engage in the attack on the Capitol,” and the challengers are making a very serious charge with significant ramifications. “They want to deny the right to vote to the thousands of people living in the 14th District of Georgia by removing Greene from the ballot,” he said. The challenge to Greene’s eligibility to run for reelection was filed by five voters who live in her district, and the procedure for such a challenge is outlined in Georgia law. The law says any voter who’s eligible to vote for a candidate can challenge that candidate’s qualifications by filing a written complaint. The secretary of state then has to request a hearing before an administrative law judge. The 14th Amendment says no one can serve in Congress “who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress ... to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same.”

BUSINESS

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EU reaches deal on new social media regulations

Intent of landmark legislation is to address societal harms seen on platforms

By Adam Satariano
The New York Times

The European Union early Saturday reached a deal on landmark legislation that would force Facebook, YouTube and other internet services to combat misinformation, disclose how their services amplify divisive content and stop targeting online ads based on a person’s ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

The law, called the Digital Services Act, is intended to address social media’s societal harms by requiring companies to more aggressively police their platforms for illicit content or risk billions of dollars in fines. Tech companies would be compelled to set up new policies and procedures to remove flagged hate speech, terrorist propaganda and other material defined as illegal by countries within the EU.

The law aims to end an era of self-regulation in which tech companies set their own policies about what content could stay up or be taken down. It stands out from other regulatory attempts by addressing

online speech, an area largely off-limits in the United States because of First Amendment protections. Google, which owns YouTube, and Meta, owner of Facebook and Instagram, would face yearly audits for “systemic risks” linked to their businesses, while Amazon would confront new rules to stop the sale of illegal products.

The Digital Services Act is part of a one-two punch by the EU to address the societal and economic effects of the tech giants. Last month, the 27-nation bloc agreed to a different law, the Digital Markets Act, to counter what regulators see as anti-competitive behavior by the biggest tech firms, including their grip over app stores, online advertising and internet shopping.

Together, the new laws underscore how Europe is setting the standard for tech regulation globally. Frustrated by anti-competitive behavior, social media’s effect on elections and privacy-invading business models, officials spent more than a year negotiating policies that give them broad new powers to crack down on tech giants

that are worth trillions of dollars and that are used by billions of people for communication, entertainment, payments and news.

“This will be a model,” Alexandra Geese, a Green party member of the European Parliament from Germany, said of the new law. Geese, who helped draft the Digital Services Act, said she had already spoken with legislators in Japan, India and other countries about the legislation.

The deal was reached after 16 hours of negotiations.

The moves contrast with the lack of action in the United States. Although U.S. regulators have filed antitrust cases against Google and Meta, no comprehensive federal laws tackling the power of the tech companies have been passed.

Yet, even as European authorities gain newfound legal powers to rein in the tech behemoths, critics wondered how effective they will be. An estimated 230 new workers will be hired to enforce the new laws, a figure critics said was insufficient when compared with the resources available to Meta, Google and others.

Pandemic rules to stay in California workplaces

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California workplace regulators have extended mandatory pay for workers affected by the coronavirus through the end of 2022, acting more than two months after state lawmakers restored similar benefits through September.

The decision announced Thursday again pitted management against labor as the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board renewed revised workplace safety rules that would otherwise have expired in early May.

“I don’t think we’re done with this yet,” board chairman David Thomas said of the pandemic.

“There’s going to be a surge in a week or so,” Thomas added. “This is the best protection we have.”

Laura Stock, an occupational safety representative on the board, echoed employee advocates who lobbied board members to continue special protections for workers even as health officials ease mask, quarantine and other requirements for the general public.

Unlike members of the public who can choose their own risk tolerance, Stock said, “people who are in the workplace have no choice but to be there.”

Management representative Kate Crawford said the rules have caused confusion as she cast the only “no” in a 6-1 vote.

Keeping what is known as “exclusion pay” for workers who are sent home due to the coronavirus is both costly and confusing, particularly since the Legislature recently approved COVID-19 sick leave, said Rob Moutrie, a policy advocate with the California Chamber of Commerce.

Small businesses have particularly struggled with the obligation, Moutrie said.



A person leafs through a book last month at a Barnes & Noble store in Hingham, Massachusetts. CODY O'LOUGHLIN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

New chapter for book chain

Barnes & Noble has turned the page from villain to hero in eyes of publishing industry

By Elizabeth A. Harris
The New York Times

After years on the decline, Barnes & Noble’s sales are up, its costs are down — and the same people who for decades saw the superchain as a supervillain are celebrating its success.

In the past, the book-selling empire, with 600 outposts across all 50 states, was seen by many readers, writers and book lovers as strong-arming publishers and gobbling up independent stores in its quest for market share.

Today, virtually the entire publishing industry is rooting for Barnes & Noble — including most independent booksellers. Its unique role in the book ecosystem, where it helps readers discover new titles and publishers stay invested in physical stores, makes it an essential anchor in a world upended by online sales and a much larger player: Amazon.

The pandemic tossed substantial roadblocks in Barnes & Noble’s way. For nearly two years, there were no readings or author

signings in most of its stores. Its cafe business is still way down. Many of the chain’s downtown stores in urban areas are still underperforming because of a paucity of tourists and office workers.

Despite all this, sales in Barnes & Noble stores were up 3% last year over their pre-pandemic performance in 2019. The growth came the old-fashioned way, said James Daunt, the company’s CEO: by selling books, which were up 14%.

For many years, hostility toward Barnes & Noble from independent bookstores was entrenched. The American Booksellers Association, which represents independent stores, filed an antitrust lawsuit against Barnes & Noble in the 1990s. A few years before that, the group sued several publishers, saying they had unfairly charged big chains lower prices.

“There was a period where the competition was pretty ugly,” said Oren Teicher, a former CEO of the American Booksellers Association. “Barnes & Noble was perceived as not just the enemy, but as being everything about corporate book-selling that was wrong.”

Over time, however, bookstores developed “a common enemy,” Teicher said: Amazon.

Buying a book you’re looking for online is

easy. You search. You click. You buy. What’s lost in that process are the accidental finds, the book you pick up in a store because of its cover, a paperback you see on a stroll through the thriller section.

No one has figured out how to replicate that online. It makes bookstores important not only for readers but also for all but the biggest-name writers, as well as for agents and publishers of all sizes.

Independent shops play an important role in that kind of discovery, but because Barnes & Noble stores are so large, they can usually keep more titles on hand. And in many parts of the country, Barnes & Noble is the only bookstore in town.

For well-known authors, Barnes & Noble is important for its size. An important stop on any major book tour, the chain’s 600 stores can place enormous orders and move a lot of copies.

“It’s funny how the industry has evolved so that they are now a good guy,” said Ellen Adler, the publisher of the independent New Press. “I would say their rehabilitation has been total.”

The chain also keeps publishers invested in distributing physical books around the country, said Kristen McLean, executive director of business development at NPJ Books, which tracks the market.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Warrant out for disgraced Ghosn

PARIS — French prosecutors have issued an international arrest warrant for disgraced auto tycoon Carlos Ghosn, who fled Japan in 2019 for Lebanon in a gripping escape.

Nanterre prosecutors’ office in France said Friday that the Ghosn warrant is based on an investigation opened in 2019 into money laundering and abuse of company assets reportedly over millions in alleged suspect payments made between the Renault-Nissan alliance and Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, a vehicle distributor company in Oman owned by billionaire Suhail Bahwan.

The Nanterre prosecutors’ office described this as the next step in a two-year investigation, one of two separate cases involving Ghosn in France focusing on payments made to SBA.

Queen gets her own Barbie doll

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II has got her own Barbie in honor of her 96th birthday and upcoming Platinum Jubilee.

California-based toymaker Mattel released the doll on the monarch’s birthday Thursday in commemoration of her 70 years of service, which will be celebrated in June.

The doll is dressed in ivory complete with a blue sash and a tiara modeled on the one the Queen wore on her wedding day.

Elizabeth II marked her birthday privately, retreating to the Sandringham estate in eastern England that has offered the monarch and her late husband, Prince Philip, a refuge from the affairs of state.

Public celebrations will be June 2-5 to coincide with the monarch’s official anniversary.

Musk-funded prize targets greenhouse gas

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — From algae farming to producing a sort of artificial limestone, ideas for reducing greenhouse gas in the atmosphere are getting a funding boost from famed entrepreneur Elon Musk.

The Tesla electric vehicle and SpaceX rocket company developer is bankrolling a \$100 million XPRIZE Carbon Removal competition for the most promising ways to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide by grabbing the gas right out of the air.

The 15 early-phase “milestone round” winners were announced Friday and each will get \$1 million, a welcome boost for the teams to carry on with and scale up their

work.

“What we’ve said is you haven’t given us a million bucks; what you’ve done is catalyzed investment in this technology,” said Mike Kelland, CEO of Planetary Technologies, a milestone winner that seeks to increase the ocean’s ability to absorb carbon dioxide by controlling the rising acidity of seawater.

The milestone winners aren’t necessarily ahead or favored for the \$80 million in final prize money that will be awarded in three years. Until Dec. 1, 2023, anyone can still jump into the contest and potentially get a share of that money.

The final winning team or teams will need to show they can remove 1,100 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere

each year, show how much it would cost to remove up to 1.1 million tons per year and show a path to removing billions of tons of carbon dioxide per year.

A third party will independently validate the work submitted for the grand prize, to be announced on April 20, 2025.

XPRIZE announced \$5 million in carbon removal project awards to university student teams last fall.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has been warning in ever-starker terms of the threat of rising global temperatures.

XPRIZE is a technology promotion organization known in part for a contest that encouraged development of a privately funded, reusable spacecraft in 2004.

Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, seasonally adjusted, in millions per week



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor

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BUSINESS



The Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, New York, stopped generating electricity a year ago. Now funding is available to help financially shaky nuclear plants. **SETH WENIG/AP 2021**

US puts \$6B toward bailing out distressed nuclear plants

By Jennifer McDermott and Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is launching a \$6 billion effort to rescue nuclear power plants at risk of closing, citing the need to continue nuclear energy as a carbon-free source of power that helps to combat climate change.

A certification and bidding process that opened Tuesday for a civil nuclear credit program is intended to bail out financially distressed owners or operators of nuclear power reactors, the U.S. Department of Energy said. It's the largest federal investment in saving financially distressed nuclear reactors.

Owners or operators of nuclear power reactors that are expected to shut down for economic reasons can apply for funding to avoid closing prematurely. The first round of awards will prioritize reactors that have already announced plans to close.

The second round will be opened up to more economically at-risk facilities. The program was

funded through President Joe Biden's \$1 trillion infrastructure deal, which he signed into law in November.

"U.S. nuclear power plants contribute more than half of our carbon-free electricity, and President Biden is committed to keeping these plants active to reach our clean energy goals," Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said in a statement. "We're using every tool available to get this country powered by clean energy by 2035, and that includes prioritizing our existing nuclear fleet to allow for continued emissions-free electricity generation and economic stability for the communities leading this important work."

About two-thirds of states say nuclear, in some fashion, will help take the place of fossil fuels. A dozen U.S. commercial nuclear power reactors have closed in the past decade before their licenses expired, largely due to competition from cheaper natural gas, massive operating losses due to low electricity prices and escalating costs, or the cost of major repairs.

This has led to a rise in

emissions in those regions, poorer air quality and the loss of thousands of high-paying jobs, dealing an economic blow to local communities, according to the DOE. A quarter or more of the fleet is at risk, the DOE added. The owners of seven currently operating reactors have already announced plans to retire them through 2025.

Most U.S. nuclear plants were built between 1970 and 1990 and they're costing more to operate. The only new plant under construction in the U.S. is in Georgia. Costs have ballooned and another delay was announced in February.

Twenty more reactors faced closure in the last decade before states stepped in to save them, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute, the industry's trade association. Illinois is spending nearly \$700 million to keep three plants open.

There are 55 commercial nuclear power plants with 93 nuclear reactors in 28 states. Nuclear power already provides about 20% of electricity in the U.S., or about half the nation's carbon-free energy.

Cryptocurrency miners mull renewable energy hookups

By Amy Beth Hanson
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — For the past year a company that "mines" cryptocurrency had what seemed the ideal location for its thousands of power-thirsty computers working around the clock to verify bitcoin transactions: the grounds of a coal-fired power plant in rural Montana.

But with the cryptocurrency industry under increasing pressure to rein in the environmental impact of its massive electricity consumption, Marathon Digital Holdings made the decision to pack up its computers and relocate to a wind farm in Texas.

"For us, it just came down to the fact that we don't want to be operating on fossil fuels," said company CEO Fred Thiel.

In the world of bitcoin mining, access to cheap and reliable electricity is everything. But many economists and environmentalists have warned that as the still widely misunderstood digital currency grows in price — and with it popularity — the process of mining that is central to its existence and value is becoming increasingly energy intensive and potentially unsustainable.

Bitcoin was created in 2009 as a new way of paying for things that would not be subject to central banks or government oversight. While it has yet to widely catch on as a method of payment, it has seen its popularity as a speculative investment surge despite volatility that can cause its price to swing wildly. In March 2020, one bitcoin was worth just over \$5,000. That surged to a record of more than \$67,000 in November 2021 before falling to just over \$35,000 in January.

Central to bitcoin's technology is the process through which trans-



The Hardin Generating Station in Montana is a coal-fired power plant that also houses thousands of computers used for cryptocurrency mining. **MATTHEW BROWN/AP**

actions are verified and then recorded on what's known as the blockchain. Computers connected to the bitcoin network race to solve complex mathematical calculations that verify the transactions, with the winner earning newly minted bitcoins as a reward. Currently, when a machine solves the puzzle, its owner is rewarded with 6.25 bitcoins — currently worth about \$260,000 total. The system is calibrated to release 6.25 bitcoins every 10 minutes.

When bitcoin was first invented it was possible to solve the puzzles using a regular home computer, but the technology was designed so problems become harder to solve as more miners work on them. Those mining today use specialized machines that have no monitors and look more like a high-tech fan than a traditional computer. The amount of energy used by computers to solve the puzzles grows as more computers join the effort and puzzles are made more difficult.

The Cambridge Bitcoin Electricity Consumption Index estimates bitcoin mining used about 109 terrawatt hours of electric-

ity over the past year — close to the total amount used in Virginia in 2020, according to the U.S. Energy Information Center.

Cambridge's estimate does not include energy used to mine other cryptocurrencies.

Marathon Digital is one of several companies pinning its hopes on tapping into excess renewable energy from solar and wind farms in Texas. Earlier this month the companies Blockstream Mining and Block, formerly Square, announced they were breaking ground in Texas on a small, off-the-grid mining facility using Tesla solar panels and batteries.

Companies argue that cryptocurrency mining can provide an economic incentive to build more renewable energy projects and help stabilize power grids. Miners give renewable energy generators a guaranteed customer, making it easier for the projects to get financing and generate power at their full capacity.

The mining companies are able to contract for lower-priced energy because "all the energy they use can be shut off and given back to the grid at a moment's notice," Thiel said.

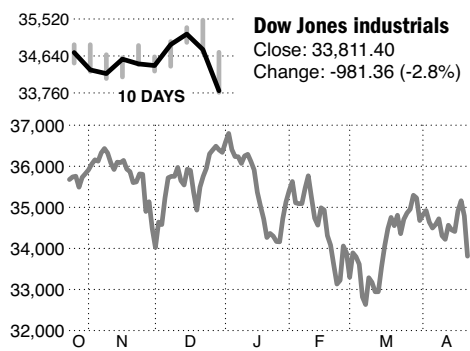
MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, April 23, 2022

↓ **DOW**
33,811.40 -981.36

↓ **10-YR T-BOND**
2.90% -.01

↓ **GOLD**
\$1,931.00 -13.90



| Domestic Indexes | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD |
| DOW Indus. | 33,811.40 | -981.36 | -6.95% |
| DOW Trans. | 15,067.34 | -342.88 | -8.56% |
| DOW Util. | 1,042.69 | -16.70 | +6.31% |
| NYSE Comp. | 16,056.87 | -442.47 | -6.45% |
| Nasdaq Comp. | 12,839.29 | -335.36 | -17.93% |
| S&P 500 | 4,271.78 | -121.88 | -10.37% |
| S&P 400 | 2,583.21 | -70.65 | -9.11% |
| Wilshire 5000 | 42,808.72 | -1,193.43 | -11.66% |
| Russell 2000 | 1,940.66 | -50.80 | -13.57% |

| Commodities | | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| | CLOSE | PREV. | YTD |
| FUELS | | | |
| Crude Oil (bbl) | 102.07 | 103.79 | +35.71% |
| Natural Gas (mm btu) | 6.53 | 6.96 | +75.17% |
| Unleaded Gas (gal) | 3.31 | 3.34 | +48.32% |
| METALS | | | |
| Gold (oz) | 1,931.00 | 1,944.90 | +5.66% |
| Silver (oz) | 24.26 | 24.62 | +3.98% |

| Foreign Exchange | | | Money Rates | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| | ForEx in U.S.\$ | U.S.\$ in ForEx | | CLOSE | PREV. WK. |
| Britain | 1.2824 | .7798 | Prime rate | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| Canada | .7862 | 1.2720 | 3-mo. T-Bill | 0.83 | 0.76 |
| China | .1538 | 6.5017 | 6-mo. T-Bill | 1.33 | 1.19 |
| Euro | 1.0787 | .9270 | 5-yr T-Note | 2.94 | 2.66 |
| Japan | .007777 | 128.59 | 10-yr T-Note | 2.90 | 2.72 |
| Mexico | .049402 | 20.2421 | 30-yr T-Bond | 2.94 | 2.83 |

| Global Markets | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | CLOSE | CHG. | %CHG. | %YTD |
| Frankfurt | 14,142.09 | -360.32 | -2.48% | -10.97% |
| London | 7,521.68 | -106.27 | -1.39% | +1.86% |
| Hong Kong | 20,638.52 | -43.70 | -.21% | -11.79% |
| Nikkei | 27,105.26 | -447.80 | -1.63% | -5.86% |

Stocks of Local Interest

| STOCK (TICKER) | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD %CHG |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| AMC Entertainment A (AMC) | 16.52 | -.33 | -39.3 |
| AT&T Inc (T) | 19.52 | -.69 | -20.7 |
| Adv Micro Dev (AMD) | 88.14 | -1.71 | -38.7 |
| American Airlines Gp (AAL) | 20.18 | -.04 | +12.4 |
| Amphenol Corp (APH) | 69.44 | -2.18 | -20.6 |
| Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY) | 6.52 | -.15 | -16.6 |
| Apple Inc (AAPL) | 161.79 | -4.63 | -8.9 |
| Avangrid Inc (AGR) | 47.60 | -1.23 | -4.6 |
| Bank of America (BAC) | 37.56 | -1.35 | -15.6 |
| Barnes Group (B) | 37.78 | -.29 | -18.9 |
| BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE) | .49 | -.03 | -59.2 |
| Booking Holdings (BKNG) | 2213.87 | -25.45 | -7.7 |
| Borqs Technologies (BRQS) | .33 | -.03 | -11.3 |
| Brist Myr Sqb (BMY) | 75.75 | -1.81 | +21.5 |
| CVS Health Corp (CVS) | 101.68 | -3.50 | -1.4 |
| Carnival Corp (CCL) | 18.84 | -.67 | -6.4 |
| Carrier Global Corp (CARR) | 41.67 | -1.15 | -23.2 |
| Charter Communic (CHTR) | 511.37 | -7.66 | -21.6 |
| Cigna Corp (CI) | 255.06 | -9.55 | +11.1 |
| Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF) | 28.95 | -.63 | +33.0 |
| Comcast Corp A (CMCSA) | 45.38 | -1.56 | -9.8 |
| Cyngn Inc (CYN) | 2.69 | +5.7 | -40.2 |
| DiDi Global Inc (DIDI) | 1.72 | +0.1 | -65.5 |
| Disney (DIS) | 118.27 | -3.39 | -23.6 |
| Dogness Internationa (DOGZ) | 3.51 | -2.99 | -58.3 |
| DraftKings Inc (DKNG) | 14.03 | -.33 | -48.9 |
| EMCOR Group Inc (EME) | 113.85 | -2.66 | -10.6 |
| Ethan Allen (ETD) | 25.80 | -.63 | -1.9 |
| Eversource Energy (ES) | 92.00 | -1.10 | +1.1 |
| Ford Motor (F) | 15.13 | -5.7 | -27.2 |
| Freeport McMoRan (FCX) | 41.91 | -3.04 | +4 |
| FuelCell Energy (FCEL) | 4.41 | -.13 | -15.2 |
| Gap Inc (GPS) | 11.72 | -2.57 | -33.6 |
| Gen Dynamics (GD) | 238.79 | -3.27 | +14.5 |
| Gen Electric (GE) | 89.07 | -2.65 | -5.7 |
| Hartford Fn Sv (HIG) | 71.51 | -1.60 | +3.6 |
| Honeywell Intl (HON) | 190.63 | -5.31 | -8.6 |
| Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN) | 13.78 | -.26 | -13.4 |
| IQIYI Inc (IQ) | 3.25 | +0.5 | -28.7 |
| Infosys Ltd (INFY) | 20.26 | -.42 | -20.0 |
| Intel Corp (INTC) | 46.54 | -.96 | -9.6 |
| Kaman (KAMN) | 43.97 | -1.46 | +1.9 |
| Keycorp (KEY) | 20.71 | -.37 | -10.5 |
| Kinross Gold (KGC) | 5.49 | -.23 | -5.5 |
| Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC) | 64.95 | -2.59 | -4.8 |

| STOCK (TICKER) | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD %CHG |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| M&T Bank (MTB) | 172.41 | -5.37 | +12.3 |
| MGM Resorts Intl (MGM) | 41.08 | -1.09 | -8.5 |
| Meta Platforms Inc (FB) | 184.11 | -3.96 | -45.3 |
| MetLife Inc (MET) | 69.56 | -2.02 | +11.3 |
| Microsoft Corp (MSFT) | 274.03 | -6.78 | -18.5 |
| Mullen Automotive (MULN) | 1.48 | +0.8 | -71.7 |
| Netflix Inc (NFLX) | 215.52 | -2.70 | -64.2 |
| Novartis AG (NVS) | 89.21 | -.74 | +2.0 |
| Nvidia Corporation (NVDA) | 195.15 | -6.68 | -33.6 |
| Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS) | 73.42 | -1.79 | -15.7 |
| PG&E Corp (PCG) | 12.13 | -.24 | -.1 |
| Palantir Technol (PLTR) | 11.96 | -.37 | -34.3 |
| Pfizer Inc (PFE) | 48.13 | -.98 | -18.5 |
| Pitney Bowes (PBI) | 4.56 | -.12 | -31.2 |
| Plug Power Inc (PLUG) | 22.04 | -.81 | -21.9 |
| Prudential FncI (PRU) | 115.83 | -4.03 | +7.0 |
| Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG) | 73.88 | -.79 | +10.7 |
| Raytheon Technolog (RTX) | 100.49 | -1.24 | +16.8 |
| Rogers Corp (ROG) | 272.80 | -.10 | -.1 |
| SS&C Technologies (SSNC) | 68.69 | -2.48 | -16.2 |
| Snap Inc A (SNAP) | 29.76 | +3.4 | -36.7 |
| SoFi Technologies (SOFI) | 6.39 | -.21 | -59.6 |
| Sthwstn Energy (SWN) | 7.43 | -.36 | +59.4 |
| Stanley Black & Deck (SWK) | 141.49 | -2.76 | -25.0 |
| Starwood Prop Trust (STWD) | 23.86 | -.54 | -1.8 |
| Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL) | .52 | +0.1 | -9.9 |
| Tellurian Inc (TELL) | 4.89 | -.31 | +58.8 |
| Terex Corp (TEX) | 34.12 | -1.78 | -22.4 |
| Travelers Cos (TRV) | 173.11 | -3.15 | +10.7 |
| Twitter Inc (TWTR) | 48.93 | +1.85 | +13.2 |
| United Airlines Hldg (UAL) | 51.46 | +6.01 | +17.5 |
| United Rentals (URI) | 314.67 | -23.05 | -5.3 |
| UnitedHealth Group (UNH) | 520.94 | -16.50 | +3.7 |
| Va (VLON) | 2.27 | +1.14 | -62.0 |
| Verizon Comm (VZ) | 51.91 | -3.10 | -.1 |
| Virtus Invest (VRTS) | 196.64 | -6.86 | -33.8 |
| Voya Financial (VOYA) | 66.45 | -1.98 | +2 |
| Webster Financial (WBS) | 50.10 | -1.76 | -10.3 |
| White Mtns Insur (WTM) | 1041.57 | -27.81 | +2.7 |
| World Wrestling Ent (WWE) | 60.99 | -.52 | +23.6 |
| XPO Logistics Inc (XPO) | 55.73 | -.12 | -28.0 |
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Selection of judges needs to be transparent

Becoming a judge in Connecticut is a lawyer's dream job [Page 1, April 13, "Lamont moves to fill judicial posts"]. In addition to a great salary, union protection and gold-plated benefits, there will also be a generous pension. It is the pot at the end of the rainbow for lawyers who have shown loyalty to the powers that be in the state legislature.

Unfortunately, the entire process is shrouded in secrecy. There is no public input allowed and the candidates are put forward behind closed doors, leading to questionable choices being made that are next to impossible to reverse. The selection of judges should be transparent and based on merit, not on who you know in state and local politics.

Diane Carney, Newington

Florida bill is about parental rights

The governor of Florida has signed the Parental Rights Bill. Critics unfairly call it the Can't Say Gay Bill, but they obviously have not read it. This bill prohibits the "classroom instruction by school personnel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity for children from kindergarten to third grade" and says schools must involve parents. That is because parents discovered it was happening without communication from schools. This is happening all over the country.

Critics from Disney complained to CEO Bob Chapek that it would stigmatize LGBTQ supporters and prevent a "well-rounded" education. I am a mother and grandmother and am talking about children between 5 and 8 years old who are too young to understand concepts of sexual orientation and gender identity. I find it difficult to believe that the CEO of Disney has not only sided with the critics but has been pressured into vowing to get the law removed and dismiss Parental Rights. Mr. Chapek, read the bill and stop being political with our children. This bill is about the rights of parents.

Carol Hulbert, Granby

Don't credit any president for good, bad economy

Why is it that we blame our presidents for everything except our heat rashes? This seems to be especially true when it comes to the economy. I was drawn to this question after reading a letter from Barbara Spielman of Windsor [April 12]. In it she claims that if Donald Trump were still president we wouldn't be seeing hikes in the price of heating fuel, gas and groceries. There seems to be far too many who simplistically think that Joe Biden must be held solely responsible for all major money issues like inflation, the pandemic, immigration and prices at the pump. Surely, common sense dictates otherwise.

A 2016 study by Princeton economists Alan Binder and Mark Watson found that factors such as world oil prices, changes in Europe's economy and overall domestic productivity have more significant impacts than actions and policies of our president. As much as political partisans like to take full credit for prosperous times, remember: The president is not the economy.

Dewey Dow, Southington

Once again, a plea to tax the rich

It is long past time for those who have the most to pay their fair share. Our elected officials need to finally do right by our families by passing common-sense tax policies like extending the monthly child tax credit checks and taxing billionaires and mega corporations. Our families are hurting and our unfair tax policies are part of the problem — but there are solutions before Congress that would make a big difference. Inflation is costing the average U.S. household an additional \$296 a month but the monthly child tax credit payments would offset that cost for most families if Congress were to extend it in the economic reconciliation package being debated now. The monthly CTC checks make a huge difference and were responsible for an unprecedented reduction in child poverty of almost 40%.

This reduction in child poverty can be paid for by making sure the ultrawealthy finally pay their fair share. American billionaires' collective fortune skyrocketed by 70% during the pandemic, while families have struggled with unemployment, lack of child care and food insecurity. Congress must tax billionaires once and for all and use that money to fund programs that lift up our families and struggling communities.

Sara Brown, North Stonington

Cancer presumption for firefighters too costly

Why is no one talking about the proposed legislation for work-related cancer presumption for firefighters? This will cost taxpayers an enormous amount of money. There was a similar presumptive law many years ago for heart and hypertension. This was ultimately repealed in 1996 due to the soaring costs for taxpayers, which continue to be paid to this day. There is nothing currently in the Workers' Compensation Act that excludes coverage for cancer, however, it should not be made presumptive. I ask that the Courant report more on this and that citizens call your state legislators.

Ron McKinley, Middletown



It is long overdue for legislators to acknowledge paraeducators' contributions to student learning by approving a uniform system for qualifications and other reforms, writes Shellye Davis, president of the Hartford Federation of Paraeducators. **GETTY**

OP-ED

Work of paraeducators has never been more important

By Shellye Davis

I have worked as a paraeducator in the Hartford Public Schools district for over 30 years. As paras, we play a vital role in the educational success of our students.

Paraeducators provide one-on-one assistance to students with disabilities, help manage classroom activities, lead small-group instruction, provide real-time translation for English language learners and facilitate communication with families. Yet we are among the lowest-paid school staff, earning less than a living wage.

And paraeducators are too often underappreciated and undervalued despite the important roles we play in supporting student learning. Recent research has affirmed that paraeducators have a positive impact on students' reading and math achievement scores and that these impacts are particularly strong for students of color. Paras also help boost overall school proficiency rates, with the strongest effects seen for students of color and schools in high-poverty districts.

For years paraeducators have been pleading with the General Assembly during every legislative session to give them the tools they need to help students succeed. For years they have been put off with platitudes and hollow praise.

Then, in 2021, the legislature directed the School Paraeducator Advisory Council to conduct a study and make legislative recommendations concerning the development of a statewide, uniform system for paraeducator qualifications, career development, pay rates, retirement and health care benefits, and other issues.

The Council conducted an extensive survey of more than 3,400 paraeducators. Those responses formed the basis of a report that included eight recommendations on how to improve wages, health care, professional development and career advancement opportunities.

Last month the Education Committee passed a bill that contained five of the eight recommendations — not everything paras needed, but a good start. It passed unanimously. Unfortunately, without notice, the Appropriations Committee gutted the bill.

We thought this year was finally different. We should have known better.

Legislators removed recommendations that would have begun the process to create a paraeducator certification, establish a professional development plan and review health care plan options so health insurance would finally be affordable. They even removed the funding to collect information on para pay and health care

contributions — effectively eliminating this recommendation as well — which would have begun the process of addressing paying paras less than a living wage.

In a legislative session that is shaping up to prioritize the state's recovery from COVID-19 and make historic investments in child care, children's health care and children's mental health services, legislators need to acknowledge paraeducators and the contributions they make to student learning.

The work of paraeducators has never been more important as students struggle to recover from the shortcomings of remote learning and the impacts of the pandemic. Paraeducators who are well-trained and fairly paid can be a stable force for students, providing the additional support to reinforce instruction and close the learning gaps created and exacerbated by COVID.

Paraeducators shouldn't be asked to wait yet another year. It's a modest investment the state can't afford to defer any longer.

Shellye Davis is the president of the Hartford Federation of Paraeducators, co-chair of the School Paraeducator Advisory Council, and executive vice president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO.

OP-ED

Jan. 6 committee and Garland must protect our democracy

By E.J. Dionne Jr.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Our democracy is sleepwalking toward catastrophe. It is the task of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol attack — and the coup attempt it was part of — to awaken us all to the dangers confronting our republic.

It is also Attorney General Merrick Garland's obligation to decide sooner rather than later whether the Justice Department's own investigation and the Jan. 6 committee's work justify an indictment of Donald Trump. If the evidence is there (and public comments from committee members suggest that the panel has it), Garland's department must prosecute him.

Worry about what might or might not look "political" is itself a political consideration that should not impede equal justice under the law. If a president is not above the law, a defeated former president isn't, either.

A central lesson from the ambiguous end of special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 elections is that both the Jan. 6 committee and the Justice Department must be explicit about any crimes they determine Trump committed and take appropriate action. Otherwise, Trump and his minions will loudly claim exoneration, even in the face of revealed facts to the contrary.

This is why the Jan. 6 committee should not be reluctant to make a criminal referral to the Justice Department if it concludes that Trump broke the law. Yes, there is legitimate debate about this. Especially if Garland is already moving toward an indictment, some committee members worry that a referral might make legal action look — that word again — political.

Here again, however, concerns about appearances should not get in the way of directness. As one committee member, Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va., has put it: "If in the course of our investigation we find that criminal activity has occurred, I think it's our responsibility to refer that to the Department of Justice."

The committee deserves praise for its painstaking thoroughness. But its decision not to hold a major public hearing this year until it finished investigative work has allowed people's attention to drift away from the ongoing threat to our democracy.

Trump's lieutenants continue to use wacky legal theories to try to decertify President Biden's election. Their litigation may be hopeless, but it reflects a determination to undermine the electoral system over the long run.

"This is the clearest and most present danger to our democracy," J. Michael Luttig, a conservative lawyer and former appeals court judge, told the New York Times, which reported this week on decertification efforts. "Trump and his supporters in Congress and in the states are preparing now to lay the groundwork to overturn the election in 2024 were Trump, or his designee, to lose the vote for the presidency."

With the Jan. 6 committee expected to hold hearings soon — in May or early June — it is urgent that its members deliver a clear and compelling account of what Trump did and why it matters.

"Every piece of evidence that Trump committed a crime should be at the forefront of these hearings," said Fred Wertheimer, who is part of the Not Above the Law Coalition, which is dedicated to holding Trump accountable. "And it should be made clear that this is the first coup attempt in American history designed to overturn a presidential election result."

The committee has already signaled

that it has the goods. As Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), the panel's vice chair, told CNN's Jake Tapper this month: "It's absolutely clear that what President Trump was doing, what a number of people around him were doing, that they knew it was unlawful." It was, she said, "a massive and well-organized and well-planned effort that used multiple tools to try to overturn an election."

Litigation over the committee's subpoena of Trump legal adviser John Eastman led to a remarkable ruling last month by a federal district judge asserting that Trump "more likely than not" sought to disrupt a government proceeding, which is a crime. Trump, Judge David O. Carter ruled, "likely knew" that his voter fraud justification "was baseless, and therefore that the entire plan was unlawful."

As for Garland, his methodical approach to the events of Jan. 6, 2021, has subjected him to unfair criticism. He has been right to take care with an explosive case. Because Garland has so studiously avoided grandstanding, any move the Justice Department makes against Trump will have exceptional credibility.

But going forward, Garland cannot allow an understandable uneasiness over prosecuting the incumbent president's leading political opponent to compromise his obligation to enforce the law and protect U.S. institutions from violent coup efforts.

It was Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) who said, in reference to Trump, that "former presidents are not immune from being held accountable." The Jan. 6 committee should make Trump's law-breaking clear. Garland should act. And McConnell should stand by his words.

E.J. Dionne writes about politics for The Washington Post.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED
FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 BUDGET
FOR THE GREAT POND
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that two public
hearings will be held for the voters of the
Great Pond Improvement District ("the
District"), regarding the proposed fiscal year
2022-2023 budget for the District.

The first public hearing will be held on
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 9:00 am.
The second public hearing will be held on
Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 9:00 am.

The proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget
is available upon request at the Town of
Windsor, Windsor Town Hall, 275 Broad
Street, Windsor, Connecticut.

Please go to the Town of Windsor's
website townofwindsorct.com - Boards &
Commissions for directions to accessing the
virtual meeting of the Public Hearing.

Board of Directors
Great Pond Improvement District
4/23/22 7196790

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A petition has been filed seeking:
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child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private
agency or a suitable and worthy person.
Termination of Parental Rights in the above
named minor child(ren).

The petition, whereby the court's decision
can affect your parental rights, if any, regard-
ing minor child(ren) will be heard on 5/19/22
at 2:00 PM at Superior Court, Juvenile
Matter, 920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT.
Hearing on the order of temporary custody
will be heard on 4/29/22 @ 10:00 AM at
Superior Court, Juvenile Matter 920 Broad
Street, Hartford, CT.
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publishing
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receipt, in Hartford Courant, a newspaper
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Judge: Hon. Stephen Frazzini
Signed: Debra A. Rubert - Clerk
Date Signed: 4/20/2022

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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space
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2022 at 11:00 AM
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The auction will be listed and advertised on
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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- Bloomfield**
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- Bristol**
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Marylou Szwed
- Farmington**
Louis J. Castonguay
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Mark V. Fonseca
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Marilyn Braychak
- New Britain**
Carolyn Belanger
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- South Windsor**
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Mark V. Fonseca
Andre N. Rivard
Marylou Szwed
- Southington**
Angelina Lamont
Barbara Letourneau
- Suffield**
Ruth Czerbinski
- Vernon**
Mark V. Fonseca
- West Hartford**
Wendy Savin

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Braychak, Marilyn (Slutak)

Marilyn (Slutak) Braychak, 80, of Middletown CT beloved wife of 55 years to the late Robert F. Braychak passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 19th, 2022. Marilyn was born in Yonkers, NY, on December 30th 1941 to the late John and Veronica (Ludian) Slutak. Not long after, the Slutak's moved to Milford, CT and, in 1959, Marilyn graduated from Milford High School. Following high school, Marilyn worked at Avco in Stratford, CT. There Marilyn met the "love of her life", Robert, of Monroe, CT. They were married on May 7th, 1966 and brought into the world two sons, Louis (predeceased on March 6th, 1984) and William of Middletown, CT. Shortly after the passing of her husband, Marilyn moved to Middletown to be closer to her son, daughter-in-law, Marie, and the rest of their family. Marilyn is survived not only by her son and daughter-in-law, but her grand-dogs (Robinson & Gatsby), her grandchildren and their spouses (Matthew & Allison and Samantha & Joe), and her recently born great-grandchildren (Abby, Teddy, and Sully). All of whom she loved to brag about! In life, Marilyn most enjoyed spending time with her friends and family members, sharing with them a nice meal or simply a cup of coffee. She was not just the mother of two sons, but, over the years, of numerous dogs; Goldie, Kay, Maddie, Patrick, Ringo, Reegan, Susie, and Trixie. Marilyn was a proud charter member and served as Treasurer of the Irish Red and White Setter Association; a national club whose primary goal was getting the Irish Red and White Setter dog breed recognized by the American Kennel Club. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11am on Monday, April 25th 2022, at Saint Plus X Catholic Church, 310 Westfield Street, Middletown CT. A private burial will be held. Friends are invited to pay their respects prior to Mass from 10am to 11am. Those who wishing to send memorial contributions may do so to Xavier High School Financial Aid, in Middletown, CT. To express condolences or share memories online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com

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Belanger, Carolyn (LaCroix)



Carolyn J. (LaCroix) Belanger, 79, of New Britain, passed away Wednesday (April 20, 2022) at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. A New Britain native and lifelong New Britain resident, she was daughter of the late Norman and Helen (Schumacher) LaCroix, and was a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Class of 1960. She was employed in the sales department at Aerospace Techniques in Middletown for 34 years, retiring in 2007. Carolyn was a former member of St Maurice Church in New Britain. She is survived by a sister, Valerie Wolf and her husband Carl of New Britain; a brother, Norman W. LaCroix and his wife Celeste of Westport; and three nephews, Jeffrey LaCroix and his wife Jen, Andrew LaCroix and Brian LaCroix. Funeral services are Tuesday 1 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Calling hours are Tuesday from 12 noon until the time of the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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SAVIN, WENDY (TUCKER)



Wendy Tucker Mendlinger Savin lost her battle with cancer on April 22nd. And while her family and friends feel her loss so profoundly, they will be forever inspired by her strength, determination, beauty, and resilience. Wendy was a loving and devoted mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. And an adventurous partner and wife to David Savin, who survives her. She loved spending summers at Fenwick, CT and the international travel that she and David did. They were also active members of YPO and CEO. She will be missed most by her 2 sons, Todd Mendlinger and Ross (Stephanie) Mendlinger. She is survived by her father Sy Tucker, and her siblings Ronna (Mark) Siegal and Larry (Linda) Tucker. She also leaves behind her children Peter (Jodi) Mendlinger, Josh (Layna) Mendlinger, and Robert (Cristina) Savin, Candice (Daniel) Gross and her grandchildren Solomon Mendlinger, Olivia and Nash Mendlinger, Noah and Cooper Mendlinger, and Lenox, Teddy and Monroe Savin, Aliza and Ethan Gross. Wendy was predeceased by her first husband Norman Mendlinger, and her mother Mickey Tucker. Funeral services will be held graveside on Sunday, April 24 at 12 pm, at Beth El Cemetery, 51 Jackson Street, Avon. Shiva will begin immediately after the service and continue until 8pm, at the home of Ronna and Mark Siegal. Wendy's home in Fenwick was her happy place. She loved the landscape and calming waters. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fenwick Improvement Fund, c/o Rick Neely, Treasurer, 4 Neponset Ave, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

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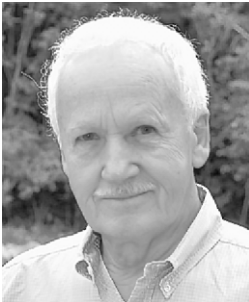
Czerbinski, Ruth (Pitoniak)



Ruth Czerbinski (Pitoniak) was born on September 25, 1948 in Jessup, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Michael and Amelia (Sporinsky) Pitoniak, the fourth of five siblings. She attended Jessup, Pennsylvania and Stratford, Connecticut schools. Ruth earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Arts degree in Spanish/French from Southern Connecticut State University. She went on to earn a Sixth-Year diploma in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut. Ruth passed peacefully into eternal rest at home on April 19, 2022 with her husband Joseph P. Czerbinski, Jr. by her side. She is survived by brothers Michael Pitoniak and his wife Suzanne of Medfield, Massachusetts; Frank Pitoniak and his wife Jeannie of Fountain Valley, California; sister Mary Fagan of Woodstock, Vermont; sister-in-law Linda Czerbinski of Holyoke, Massachusetts; and sister-in-law Debora Dempsey of Westfield, Massachusetts. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Barbara and brother-in-law Edward Sachs, and her brother-in-law Kirk Fagan. She leaves behind several nieces and nephews along with their families. Ruth began her teaching career in Monroe, Connecticut and retired in 2005 from the South Windsor Public School System completing a total of thirty-five years of service. Ruth was a highly respected Spanish Language Teacher and Foreign Language Department Chairperson. She treasured her students and remained in contact with many throughout the years. During her professional career, Ruth participated in extracurricular assignments and activities to support both students and colleagues. Throughout the years at South Windsor High School, she organized a language immersion program, an advanced placement program, professional development programs, a high school language laboratory, and developed curriculum. Ruth lived her life to the fullest. She enjoyed traveling immensely visiting dozens of countries and many domestic destinations. She also planned and chaperoned trips abroad with her students. Ruth loved entertaining and hosted events for family and friends. Collecting art, decorating her home, shopping, and fashion were passions she savored. Other hobbies included reading, running, antiques, golf, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Ruth was a bright light and will be missed by family and friends. The Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 12 (noon) at Heritage Funeral Home, 1240 Mountain Road, West Suffield. Burial will follow. Relatives and friends are welcome to visit the funeral home on Wednesday, April 27 from 5-7 pm and Thursday, April 28 from 11 am-noon prior to the funeral service. For online condolences please visit www.SuffieldFuneralHome.com.

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Castonguay, Louis J.



Louis J. Castonguay ("Lou"), 91, of Farmington, widower of Georgette M. (Lapointe) Castonguay, died peacefully on Thursday (April 21, 2022) at the Shady Oaks Assisted Living Facility. Lou was born in Drummond, New Brunswick, Canada on February 13, 1931, the seventh of ten children. His parents were the late Charles and Adeline (Rioux) Castonguay. Lou grew up on his family's farms, first in Drummond, and later in Van Buren, Maine. It was in this environment that Lou developed his life-long, unwavering work ethic. At the age of nineteen, Lou and his twin brothers, Armand and Tom, left Van Buren and moved to Bristol seeking employment. They began working as carpenters-in-training for the Smith Brothers Construction Co., building residential homes in the West Hartford area. During that time Lou and his brothers learned the construction skills that would lead them to later become home builders in their own respective rights. In 1952, Louis began working at The New Departure Hyatt Company of General Motors. During the Korean War, Lou was called up for duty with the US Army. He was sent to Germany as a combat engineer where he served until 1954. When he returned to Bristol, he recommenced his employment with New Departure. In 1962, Lou built a small cape cod style home for his own young family in Bristol and, in so doing, launched his career as a builder. Over four decades, Lou built ninety homes in the Bristol area, taking tremendous pride in building quality homes. True to his steadfast work ethic, Lou built these homes while simultaneously working at New Departure, until his retirement in 1986. Lou was a member and Past-Commander of the Franco-American War Veterans and a member of the American Legion Seicheprey Post 2 where he proudly served on the Funeral Honor Guard. He was a parishioner of St. Ann Church in Bristol, and later, St. Matthew Church in Forestville. Lou was a quiet and reserved man who loved all the members of his large and extended family. He was both a hard-working man and a gentle man. He was trustworthy, without fail, and never complained. He respected everyone and spoke poorly of no one. His presence and his character will be missed. Lou is survived by a daughter, Sharon Lasnier of North Falmouth, MA; a son, Charles Castonguay and daughter-in-law, Susan (Violette) of Avon; two sisters, Rita Cyr of Bristol and Florence McCluskey Daigle of Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada; six grandchildren Steven Lasnier, Elizabeth Strother (George), John Lasnier, Mary-Therese Lasnier, Caroline Castonguay, and Natalie Castonguay; two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Emily; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, John Lasnier, and by seven siblings. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 9 AM from Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, to St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Bristol, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM. Burial, with military honors, will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Relatives and friends may call at Funk Funeral Home on Monday between 6 and 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 101 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 107, Middletown, CT 06457 or <https://www.cff.org/donate>. Please visit Louis' memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com.



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Rivard, Andre N.



Andre N. Rivard, 54, of Glastonbury, formerly of Vernon died peacefully on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Salmon Brook Center. Andre was born in Ware, MA on December 15, 1967, the son of Normand Rivard and the late Gloria (Dean) Rivard. He grew up in Ware, MA and moved to Vernon, CT in 1973. Andre was involved in a motor vehicle accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury shortly before his graduation from Rockville High School in 1986. He was able to attend graduate in 1988 after being released from the hospital. Andre was best known for his sense of humor and was a joker to all. He loved to make people laugh. Andre loved music, computer games and movies. He was an avid football fan and enjoyed rooting for the Dallas Cowboys. He was a hard worker and loved his time working at CW Resources in New Britain where he made many friends throughout the years. His family would like to thank the staff at his former group home on Oakwood Dr. in New Britain for all they did for Andre the 17 years he was there. His family would also like to thank the staff at Salmon Brook for taking special care of Andre during his final years. Along with his father, Normand of South Windsor, he leaves his sister, Marie Rivard and her partner David of South Windsor; his brother Frank Rivard and his wife Tammy of Coventry; and his nieces, Brianna Royster of SC, Amanda Rivard of SC, Samantha Jo Rivard of Coventry, and Megan Rivard of South Windsor. His family will receive friends on Thursday, April 28, 2022, from 1-3pm, at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd, South Windsor. A memorial service will follow beginning at 3pm in the funeral home. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Easterseals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut, 100 Deerfield Rd., Windsor, CT 06095. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Davis, Christian F.



Christian F. Davis, of Coventry, died on April 17, 2022. He is survived by his wife and love of his life Margo (McCloskey) Davis, his children Christian F. Davis, Jr. (Denise) of Colchester, Emily D. Knowles (Scott) of North Stonington, Robert C. M. Davis (Alyssa) of Lynchburg, VA, and son in law Richard Schneider of Wilmington, DE. He was predeceased by his daughter, Victoria D. Schneider. Christian and Margo were also blessed with 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren all of whom he loved very much. Christian was born to George A. Davis and Alice B. Davis in Wilmington, Delaware on July 13, 1938. He, Margo and their children moved to Coventry, CT in 1977 after living three years in Winchester, MA while he was teaching at Tufts University. Christian received his BS and MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware and in 1970 he received his PhD in Applied Science from the same school. Dr. Davis had a varied career beginning with his employment by the United States Geological Survey while still in college. After graduation, he spent two more years with the USGS producing engineering soils maps of the entire Atlantic coastal plain in Delaware. Following brief stints with Woodlawn Trustees and Vandemark and Lynch, he returned to the U of D to pursue his Ph.D. while beginning his teaching career as an instructor in Civil Engineering. He completed his doctoral dissertation under the supervision of the world-renowned scientist and engineer Dr. Jerzy Nowinski. Together, they were the first to apply Biot's mathematical theory of proelasticity to bone, beginning the program of biomedical engineering at Delaware. After receiving his Ph.D., Dr. Davis joined the Delaware Department of Transportation, quickly rising to be appointed the first Chief of Planning, Research and Evaluation in the Peterson administration. Following his time at DelDot, he joined Karins and Associates in 1973 for a brief period before becoming Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Tufts. He became Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Connecticut in 1977 and was promoted to Professor in 1983. During most of his time at UConn, he was also the Director of the Connecticut Transportation Institute. After retiring in 2005, he taught for several years in the fledgling Biomedical Engineering program. He was also very active with the Memoir Club with the Center for Learning in Retirement of the University of Connecticut. The Davis family will greet relatives and friends on Friday, April 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St. Westerly, RI. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 30, at 11 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 7 Elm St, Westerly RI. Burial will follow in River Bend Cemetery.

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Fonseca, Mark V.



Mark V. Fonseca, 55, of Oakdale, CT, died peacefully on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at Backus Hospital in Norwich. Mark was born on February 18, 1967 in Hartford, CT, son of the late Manuel R. Fonseca Jr. and Beatrice (Leitao) Fonseca. Mark was raised in South Windsor, CT, was a graduate of South Windsor High School and worked at MARC. Inc. of Manchester for many years. He had a remarkable passion for life, loved music, dancing and playing his drums. He was the life of any party and always took on the job of DJ. Mark loved bowling and would tell you he "was good at it", could be aggressive on the basketball court and competed in the Special Olympics, garnering his share of medals for track and the long jump. He was a huge fan of the Hartford Whalers and UCONN men's and women's basketball. He will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched. Mark was a special person and always brought so much joy to everyone, every event and reminded us of the simplicity of life through his eyes. He leaves his siblings, Betty Fonseca of Manchester, Dottie Silva and her husband Edward of Vernon, Manny Fonseca of Windsor, Paul Fonseca and his wife Susan of Vernon, and his nieces Lynn and Olivia and nephews Chris, Matthew, Corey, Danny and Adam. Mark's family would like to thank his Manor Road family for their love and care over the past three years. His family is also grateful and thankful to all the Hospital and Hospice caregivers at Backus Hospital. Mark's family also sends a special thank- you to Jim and Dianne Rogers of South Windsor for their love and care for Mark. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, from 4-7 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Fatima Square, 50 Kane St., Hartford. Burial will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Special Olympics Connecticut 2666 State Street, Suite 1 Hamden, CT 06517. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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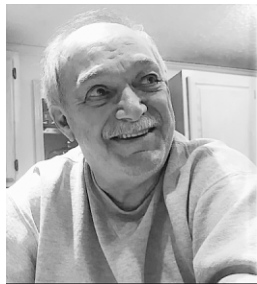
Hunter, Judson D.



Judson D. Hunter, 97, of Willington, CT passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at Evergreen Health Care Center. He was born in Fishkill, NY, son of the late Harry and Bertha (Wells) Hunter. Judson proudly served our country in the United States Army during World War II, and later retired from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation as a truck driver. He was a member of the Federated Church of Willington and Corporal Henry Toberman Post No. 938 V.F.W. of Willington, and was an honorary life member of the Willington Hill Fire Department. He was predeceased by his wife, Gloria K. (Wilson) Hunter in 2015, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. He was especially fond of his great niece and nephew, Kailey and Jordan, whom he shared many stories with during their frequent visits. A graveside service and military honors will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 1 PM at Willington Hill Cemetery, Tolland Turnpike, Willington, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Willington Hill Fire Department, 24 Old Farms Rd., Willington, CT 06279. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT has care of the arrangements. To leave a message of sympathy or for direction, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Larabee, Bruce A.



MASSENA – Bruce A. Larabee, 83, of County Route 42A, peacefully passed away Friday afternoon, April 15, 2022 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Jim Casella. Bruce was born on March 30, 1939 in Springfield, Massachusetts, the son of the late Raymond Harvey and Ophelia (Casinghino) Larabee. He attended schools in Springfield graduating from Cathedral High School. On September 6, 1957, he entered the United States Air Force, proudly serving his country until his honorable discharge on September 5, 1961. He married Patricia A. Martin on May 11, 1961 in North Syracuse. She predeceased him on February 10, 2017.

Bruce and his late wife, Patricia, owned and operated Massena International Campground for many years, retiring in 2004. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and had a great love for cooking. He also enjoyed woodworking, camping, and sitting on his porch listening to music and watching the birds.

Bruce is survived by children, Raymond and Lisa Larabee of Yorba Linda, California; Cynthia and Mike Huckabone of Clarkston, Michigan; Margie and James Casella of Massena; and Steven and Tiffany Larabee of Norfolk; 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; and his brother, Raymond and Carol Larabee of San Diego, California.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Lynette Larabee in 1968.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena where friends may call May 17th from 12:00 PM until the time of service at 2:00 PM. Burial will follow in Massena Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions to Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.

Memories may be shared, and condolences may be offered online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

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O'Brien, Elizabeth (Wosnick)



Elizabeth "Betty" (Wosnick) O'Brien, 88, of Newington, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at Jefferson House. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Gregory "Greg" O'Brien for 53 years. Born in Hartford on October 11, 1933, daughter of the late Joseph and Marian (Cashen) Wosnick, she was raised in West Hartford and graduated from Hall High School in 1951. Betty went on to work at Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company. She and Greg settled in Newington in 1963, where they raised their family and were parishioners of St. Mary's Church. Betty was a generous, caring and thoughtful person who loved children. She devoted many years to working in daycare centers/nursery schools and even ran a home daycare for many years. She enjoyed singing and listening to music, especially to Johnny Mathis. She loved watching movies, her soaps, and UConn Women's basketball games. Betty closely followed politics and was a true democrat. Her favorite memories included summers on Cape Cod and family dinners at home or at favorite restaurants but especially spending time with her family who meant everything to her. Being a mother and grandmother ("Gammie") was Betty's greatest joy. She was always involved in the activities of her family, from being a PTO President and Choral Booster Club President to attending all of her grandsons' musical / sports / and school events. She was always there whenever her family needed her. We will always cherish her heartfelt words, "I love you with all of my heart". Betty leaves her daughter, Anne Marie Riley and her husband Glenn of West Hartford, and her two grandsons, Brett and Scott Riley of Granby. She also leaves her cousins Mary Ann and Robert Kissel of New Britain, William and Linda Toczko of New Britain, Thomas Toczko and Nancy Kurasinski of East Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hellstein, Jr. of Southwick, MA, Mrs. Jeanne Kennedy of Sun City, AZ, and special friends: Judith McMahon of Newington, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Maynard, MA, and Donald Frisk of West Hartford. She was predeceased by her lifelong friend Anita Frisk and Betty's two beagles: Lady of Oxford and Kelly. We are sincerely grateful to her special Companions and Homemakers aides who helped her enjoy her time at home as well as an abundance of thanks for such loving care to the staff at Jefferson House, Burnham Unit, where she spent the last four years of her life. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday, April 25th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her funeral service will begin on Tuesday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Newington. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the CT Children's Medical Center at <https://give.connecticutchildrens.org>. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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A lofty price tag to fight a growing crisis

Legislation aimed at supporting children’s mental health in Connecticut may cost millions of dollars

By Jenna Carlesso
CT Mirror

Three ambitious bills that aim to tackle the growing crisis of children’s mental health in Connecticut would devote tens of millions in funding to a broad range of initiatives, including a grant program to attract and retain child psychiatrists, expanded mobile crisis services and additional staff across multiple state departments to manage new projects.

The state’s nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis noted that one of the measures — Senate Bill 2 — could cost \$202 to \$210 million across the 2023 and 2024 fiscal years to support increased child care rates for providers and their employers. The proposal also would require \$13.2 million to broaden access to mobile crisis services and up to \$1 million to evaluate “the impact of social media and mobile phone use on students’ mental health.”

Another measure — House

Bill 5001 — could tie as much as \$440,000 to a grant program providing support for social workers and marital and family therapists who are seeking licensure as a clinical or master social worker. The Department of Public Health would need to hire a fiscal administrator officer at a cost of about \$78,000 to handle the initiative, OFA noted.

A second grant program, to attract and retain child psychologists in Connecticut, could range from \$672,250 to \$6.7 million depending upon the number of people eligible for the grants and the amount of each grant. The

bill also sets aside \$6.5 million for grants to intensive outpatient service providers, partial hospitalization programs, psychiatric residential treatment facilities and emergency mobile psychiatric service providers.

Despite the hundreds of millions in costs outlined, legislative leaders said the final agreed-upon expenses would instead be in the tens of millions. They noted that all three bills are still undergoing revisions and have yet to be voted on in the House or Senate.

House Speaker Matthew Ritter, D-Hartford, estimated the total costs to be \$100 million to \$125

million.

“The money needed to fund these bills will be in the budget,” he said.

Proponents say that while the proposals come with lofty price tags, the programs are necessary to address the ballooning crisis. During the pandemic, the number of children and teens waiting in emergency departments for inpatient psychiatric beds increased. In February, for example, that number more than doubled in Connecticut — to 56, up from 26, according to the Connecticut

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Mother gets jail for role in riot

Canterbury woman, daughter sentenced after Jan. 6 trip to DC

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

The Canterbury mother and daughter who went into the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot in 2021 were sentenced Friday, with the mom ordered to go to jail for five weekends, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney’s office said.

Jean Lavin, 57, was sentenced to 36 months of probation, including 10 days of intermittent confinement, Bill Miller said, meaning she would be in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for five weekends.

Her sentence also includes 60 days of home detention, a \$2,500 fine and \$500 in restitution, said Miller, of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Washington, D.C.

Her daughter, Carla Krzywicki, 20, also was sentenced to 36 months of probation, but her probation includes 90 days of home detention, Miller said. In addition, she must pay \$500 in restitution.

The pair told authorities they went to Washington on a bus trip with a Facebook group to hear President Donald Trump speak about his election loss. After missing the speech because the bus driver got lost in New York, they followed the crowd to the Capitol, climbed an overturned bike rack to get into the Senate side of the building and wandered around for about six minutes.

According to charging documents in the case, an unidentified tipster told the FBI that the women had entered the Capitol after seeing a photograph Krzywicki posted to her Facebook account. In the post, she said they were making “history,” and had “come for the officials that run our country.”

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Jeff Sawyer, left, of TruNORTH construction, and Kurt Potter, of Kurt Potter Real Estate, have partnered for The Offices at Addison Square. The exterior of the building, below, is designed to mesh with the character of the surrounding residential neighborhood. STEVE SMITH PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Office condos hope to be part of the neighborhood

Addison Square complex interlinks business and residential spaces in Glastonbury

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

GLASTONBURY — The first of four buildings in a Glastonbury office condo complex known as The Offices at Addison Square is nearing completion, and the builders are hoping the flexible floor plans and design features that fit nicely in the surrounding neighborhood will attract as many as 18 businesses.

The buildings will each be able to house up to four or five units, ranging between 1,350 and 5,400 square feet, but there is also the ability to combine multiple units for one business.



Jeff Sawyer, owner of TruNORTH Construction, said the model unit has five offices, a reception area, break room and media room. But the other offices are all being custom-designed for their new owners’ needs.

“Whatever their business needs are, we design them to match those,” Sawyer said. “There are no load-bearing walls, so it’s super-flexible.”

“These units can be combined to be two wide, or up and down,” said Kurt Potter, a broker with Kurt Potter Real Estate at RE/MAX Right Choice.

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Clearing hurdles to affordable housing

With tweaks to zoning regulations, Glastonbury could build hundreds of units, new report finds

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

The demand for affordable housing is strong, in Glastonbury and across the state.

Connecticut lacks about 85,000 affordable units for extremely low-income renters, according to National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates. Glastonbury’s multifamily rental properties have been “functionally zero” in recent years, Guskowski said, while the current waitlist for property owned by the Glastonbury Housing Authority has more than 1,100 names.

“It’s quite clear that the demand in Glastonbury is there,” he said.

To build the units, though, will take “significant political will,” argues Pamela Lucas, an immi-

gration attorney and leader with TALK, a Glastonbury-based community organization.

Zoning laws in towns across Connecticut discriminate against multifamily developments by favoring single-family or age-restricted housing, while plans to build affordable housing are routinely met with staunch public opposition.

There are also market-based challenges. High costs make it difficult for developers to make rents affordable for low-income earners. Developers say they need more tax credits, while housing advocates call for more government investment in rental assistance programs.

But clearing Connecticut’s myriad hurdles to affordable housing is not impossible, according to



The current waitlist for property owned by the Glastonbury Housing Authority has more than 1,100 names. COURANT FILE PHOTO

a report released this week by a planning and development group.

In an analysis of Glastonbury presented during Zoom conference Tuesday night, Vernon-based Tyche Planning & Policy Group recommended that the Hartford suburb amend zoning regulations

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ELECTION 2022

Dem challengers get big wins in Bloomfield

Success in primary comes after lawsuit victory

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A coalition of Bloomfield Democrats vying for town committee seats have won a double victory — first in court and this week in a primary.

“It’s an astonishing validation,” Brad Klein, one of 17 candidates who secured seats on the 65-member Democratic Town Committee, said Friday. About 10% of the town’s 9,417 registered Democrats voted in the primary Tuesday.

Klein, who had served on the committee for two terms, was bumped out during the Democrats’ January caucus. He and others collected 578 signatures on nominating petitions to force a primary, but Democratic voter registrar Troy Mitchell accepted

only 209 of the total, citing state law that prohibits one person from signing for another.

Saying the signatures were legal and genuine, Klein and fellow candidate Paula Jones sued in Superior Court to certify the petitions. Mitchell and the plaintiffs agreed to a court settlement on Feb. 22, but Mitchell, a financial advisor who started as registrar in January, backed out the next day, according to court documents.

In evidentiary hearings in late February and early March, Mitchell testified that he rejected signatures that were too similar. But he had to acknowledge a lack of training and expertise in evaluating handwriting, according to court documents.

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CONNECTICUT

Feds: New Haven crack dealer gets prison

Staff report

A New Haven man was sentenced to nearly two years in prison Thursday for distributing crack, according to federal authorities.

Tashaun Fair, 29, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant in Hartford to a total of 21 months in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release, according to federal authorities.

The FBI's New Haven Safe Streets/Gang Task Force and New Haven Police Department conducted an investigation in 2020 into narcotics trafficking and related criminal activity in and around New Haven, federal authorities said in a statement, citing court documents and statements made in court.

"In November 2020, Fair was intercepted over a court-authorized wiretap ordering distribution quantities of crack from his associate, Devaro Taylor," the statement said. "Fair then sold the drug to his own customers."

Fair has been in custody since his arrest on Jan. 26, 2021, federal authorities said in the statement. On May 25, 2021, he pleaded guilty to one count of use of a telephone to facilitate a drug trafficking felony, federal authorities said.

Taylor has pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing, federal authorities said.

The FBI's New Haven Safe Streets/Gang Task Force includes members from the New Haven, Milford, Hamden, and East Haven police departments, Connecticut State Police and state

Department of Correction. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and West Haven Police Department assisted the investigation, federal authorities said in the statement.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathaniel J. Gentile and Marc H. Silverman through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program, which "identifies, disrupts and dismantles drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs and transnational criminal organizations through a prosecutor-led and intelligence-driven approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies."

More information about the OCDETF Program is at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.



Officials say a fire that tore through a building in downtown Seymour on Wednesday may have been caused by the ignition of furniture wax. **COURTESY**

Ignited furniture wax may have sparked Seymour fire

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A massive fire that injured two firefighters and destroyed several businesses in downtown Seymour Wednesday may have started when a store worker was polishing merchandise, a fire official said.

The employee appears to have accidentally ignited wax while polishing, Fire Marshal Timothy P. Willis said. The building housed antique shops and other stores.

The brick building at 4 Bank St. is gutted, and the shops that were in it are destroyed. Two firefighters were treated at the scene for minor injuries, and medics checked a tenant as well, he said.

Some 150 firefighters battled the

fire over five hours.

Seymour firefighters were called to the blaze about 2:15 p.m. and they arrived within minutes, Willis said.

Crews in the burning building encountered heavy fire, and conditions began to deteriorate as flames traveled throughout a common loft above firefighters' heads, he said.

"At this point a decision was made to go to a defensive attack," Willis said, which means firefighters got out of the building and fought the fire from the outside.

About a dozen fire departments helped fight the fire, which remains under investigation, he said.

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EAST HARTFORD

Police: Man assaulted teen in hotel room

A Hartford man was arrested Wednesday after the sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl at an East Hartford hotel, police said.

Jose Manuel Colon, 56, of Yale Street, was charged with two counts of second-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor. He posted a \$200,000 bond after his arraignment in Superior Court in Manchester, court records show.

His next court date is May 26.

According to police, the girl and her mother reported Jan. 29 that Colon had sexually assaulted the teen at the Comfort Inn & Suites on Roberts Street the day before.

Surveillance cameras showed Colon and the girl going into the room together, police said.

— Christine Dempsey

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Klein and Jones, representing the challenge slate, presented testimony from voters whose signatures Mitchell had rejected. The witnesses testified that they personally signed the nominating petition in the presence of the circulator, as law requires. The court also heard from people who circulated the petitions, who testified that no person signed on behalf of another.

Klein said he is the only one of the 17 challengers who has served on the committee in the past. The diverse group shares beliefs in local development "on a rational basis without tax giveaways," environmentally sensitive development and a more progressive school board, among other issues, Klein said.

Michelle Adams, who had served as committee chairwoman, congratulated all committee members on winning two-year terms and said she would seek the top spot again.

Adams said she would work to bring all members together "to serve our community, to end the continuing disputes and to be a consensus builder."

"I pledge to lead through inclusion, transparency and joint efforts to compromise our positions to come to an agreed, united position for the best interests of all Bloomfield. We must end the division and discord that has followed us in the past. This is the most important thing that we must learn from this primary."

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Hospital Association. An average of 38 children waited for care on any given day during that time. Of those 38, an average of 31 were between 13 and 17 years old, and seven were 12 or younger.

"If you look at the grand scheme of things, you have to know what it's actually going to save down the line," said Rep. Liz Linehan, D-Cheshire, a key backer of the bills. "Investments do that. We are investing in children's mental health, which is also an investment in adult mental health. If we can provide the treatment that kids need, they will grow up to be happy, healthy adults who don't need expensive interventions."

"Any dollar amount attached to the legislation does not take into account the money that is saved long term."

The proposals would be supported by a mix of money from the general fund, carry forward funds (money from the previous year's budget that wasn't spent), and American Rescue Plan Act funds. The ARPA money would be used to support short-term initiatives, while the general fund money would cover longer term

programs. For example, ARPA funds could be used to purchase a mobile unit — a one-time cost — while the staff running that unit would be paid from the general fund.

"In conversations with my colleagues in the House and Senate — Democrats as well as Republicans — we all do passionately feel that we need to address this," said Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, a co-sponsor of the bills. "Children's behavioral health issues are very personal to each and every legislator and the communities they represent."

The three bills all address children's mental health issues but cover different areas. One proposal targets services in medical facilities and in the community, while another focuses on schools and a third involves early childhood initiatives broadly.

Each of the measures is lengthy and ties in dozens of programs and policies. Initiatives include license reciprocity for out-of-state mental health providers in order to expand the workforce; an education loan forgiveness program for qualifying employees in the mental health field who serve children and teenagers; and a requirement that individual and group health insurers cover

evidence-based services used to treat mental and behavioral health conditions in children and teenagers.

Some of the programs outlined in Senate Bill 2, the early childhood proposal, may move to Senate Bill 1, the schools-focused measure, before passage, Anwar said.

Along with a hefty price tag, the bills could result in revenue loss. One proposal would allow municipalities to abate up to 100% of property taxes due for child care centers or child care group homes.

"The revenue loss would vary based on the amount of property tax abated, but could be significant (in excess of \$1 million) in a municipality with a high number of such taxable facilities," officials with OFA noted. There are about 1,400 child care centers and 1,900 family day care homes licensed in Connecticut.

Still, proponents of the legislation expect wide support in both chambers. Debate on the legislation could begin in the Senate as early as Friday.

"My sense is that the people who are not going to support this will [comprise] a very small group," Anwar said. "These are bipartisan bills, with involvement of everybody at all levels."



Fully customizable, the units' floors at The Offices at Addison Square in Glastonbury are not poured until the businesses specify what type of flooring they desire. **STEVE SMITH / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

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"If someone wants a doctor's office downstairs, and they want their staff upstairs, they can do that."

Said Sawyer: "We could do three of them [or] we could do a whole building [with] them all together."

Six of the units are designated as medical units. The rest are general office spaces.

The Offices at Addison Square is located at 219 Addison Road, on the corner of Addison and Eastern Boulevard.

When designing the complex, Sawyer said he looked closely at the neighboring houses and incorporated some similar features. While the exterior imitates the residential feel of the area, the inside is clearly modern office space.

"This is kind of a transition lot into the residential neighborhood, from the medical/industrial area," Potter said, adding that the design made it easier to get through the town's permitting process.

While the building was under construction, a house next door was also being remodeled, so the team used some of the same design features.

"A flipper came in and flipped this house," Potter said. "They basically emulated it, which was kind of smart."

"The outside has a modern farmhouse look to it," Sawyer said. "The inside is definitely modern."

Sawyer said the walls are double insulated for both noise reduction and energy efficiency, and all the lighting fixtures are energy-saving LEDs.

"We built this building so that there's no maintenance

required," he said. "We're trying to look out for the small-business owners. It's set up like an association, like a residential condo. They don't have to keep pouring money into the building."

The design of each office was also planned for small-to-mid-sized businesses, as opposed to larger companies or projects that could have used the same space.

"If you've got three people working for you, you don't necessarily want to be working out of your house," Potter said. "We're not trying to sell to large companies and have them fill 40,000 square feet while all of their employees are going to flex time."

The remaining buildings will be finished between 12 and 18 months from now, but Potter said some sales have already been made for units in the last building.

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to allow multifamily housing on single-family lots, build housing on town-owned land and convert vacant office buildings to apartments, among other strategies.

According to the report, these steps would enable Glastonbury to build as many as 1,550 affordable units.

"What this report demonstrates is that towns across Connecticut can get to their fair share goals if they try," said Erin Boggs, executive director of Open Communities Alliance, a statewide civil rights organization that commissioned the report with TALK.

"Fair share" refers to House Bill 5204, or the "Fair Share" bill, which would ask municipalities to create plans to address the state's dearth of options for affordable housing — housing that costs no more than 30% of a person's income.

The bill is applauded by housing advocates, who say a similar model is working in New Jersey to promote new, desegregated housing.

Critics, meanwhile, say the bill's parameters are too vague and would burden towns and cities with lofty targets, strain aging municipal infrastructure and disrupt well-established neighborhood characters.

For Boggs, Tyche Planning's analysis of Glastonbury proves otherwise.

John Guskowski, co-founder and Principal at Tyche Planning and the report's primary author, said Glastonbury should implement inclusionary zoning as a fundamental development requirement should it want to meet affordable housing goals.

Inclusionary zoning is "an absolute essential," Guskowski said, and the place "just about every town in the state needs to start."

Under inclusionary zoning, towns could set aside a percentage of units as affordable whenever new housing is developed. They'd retain the flexibility to adjust the number of affordable units based on market conditions, Guskowski said.

In Glastonbury, the report identified town-owned land that doesn't have zoning restrictions, which Guskowski said could support at least 400 affordable units. One hundred to 150 units could be developed by converting underused office space.

Some zoning changes would also be necessary.

The Tyche Planning report identified several parcels zoned for single-family housing in Glastonbury that Guskowski said could be used for what's called "missing middle" housing, or multifamily housing that retains the look and scale of single family. Development and conversion of these lots could produce more than 500 affordable units, he said.

In Glastonbury's denser northwest corner, town planners could create more than 300 affordable units if they allow moderate

density multifamily housing on single-family lots that are currently vacant.

Though multifamily housing technically counts as residential, many town planners across Connecticut treat it more like commercial or industrial, according to Sam Giffin, a policy and data analyst at Open Communities Alliance.

And when multifamily is allowed, it's typically only at low densities, Giffin said.

"A lot of towns think of [multifamily housing] as a threat to their existence, or to the character and compatibility of the town," Giffin said Tuesday.

Lucas, the TALK leader, said members of the organization were interested in "doing something real" to address segregation in Connecticut, and began to analyze Glastonbury's zoning laws and practices.

"Many of our town leaders, unlike the social justice committee members, are not ready to embrace fair share, but they do seem willing to take some steps forward," Lucas said.

The reluctance of Connecticut towns to zone for multifamily housing was a focus of a report Giffin authored called Zoning For Equity, Vol. II, released earlier in April.

The report found that Connecticut has the 10th highest housing wage in the nation, meaning a family would have to work 91 hours a week at minimum wage to be able to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

More than 135,000 households in Connecticut who earn below 30% area average median income are paying more than 50% of their wages on rent or mortgage, according to Boggs.

Glastonbury officials may explore inclusionary zoning as it drafts its Affordable Housing Plan, which the state requires all towns and cities to submit before June 1 per state statute 8-30j.

Neil Griffin Jr., executive director of the Glastonbury Housing Authority, said the town's plan is headed to town council for one more public hearing and council recommendations.

On top of political will, planners will need answers to the slew of market-related challenges that developers say make affordable housing construction difficult.

One benefit of the recommendations put forward by Tyche Planning, Guskowski said, is the variety of strategies to meet affordable housing goals. Units could be worked into and around existing developments, rather than in two large housing towers — an image some associate with affordable housing.

"It's not that Glastonbury or any other community would be mandated to just build those two 750-unit housing towers, but they'd be tailored to the specific conditions to the infrastructure and the build environment," Guskowski said.

“What this report demonstrates is that towns across Connecticut can get to their fair share goals if they try.”

— Erin Boggs, of Open Communities Alliance

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CONNECTICUT

Inmates eyed to help ease trucker shortage

If passed, legislation would assist those leaving prison with obtaining their truck driving license

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

A program aimed at easing supply chain bottlenecks while boosting employment among formerly incarcerated individuals has advanced in the Connecticut General Assembly.

State senators voted unanimously in favor of Senate Bill 334, which would require the Department of Correction to offer inmates with six months or less of their sentence remaining the opportunity to study for and take the test for a Commercial Learners' Permit, the first step in obtaining the credential necessary for professional truck drivers.

If passed, the legislation would create a public-private partnership, with one or more nonprofit

organizations administering the program within DOC. It's estimated to cost approximately \$20,000 annually.

The bill, which now moves to the House, expands on legislation passed last year that established a "vocational village program" within the Department of Correction, providing incarcerated people with training to earn certifications in fields such as computer coding, carpentry, specialized manufacturing, welding and other trades.

The state of Michigan established a vocational village program several years ago. Other states, including Tennessee and Arizona, offer inmates commercial driver's license training and testing similar to that proposed in this year's bill.

Offering training for commercial trucking licenses targets an especially tight part of today's labor market. A persistent shortage of truck drivers has aggravated recent supply chain delays caused by heightened business and consumer demand. Federal officials have been working to lower age requirements in order to expand the pool of drivers.

State Sen. Will Haskell, D-Westport, chair of the General Assembly's transportation committee, called S.B. 334 a "win-win." Many formerly incarcerated individuals have trouble finding work upon release, which can drive them back into crime, Haskell said in a statement Wednesday.

"Meanwhile, workforce shortages in the trucking industry have strained our supply chain, here in Connecticut and across the country," he said. "Our legislation aims to address both problems."

The bill garnered support from

a wide range of groups, including the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut and the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The workforce crisis has hit Connecticut harder than most other states and it continues to slow our economic recovery from the pandemic," Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, said Thursday. "Solving the crisis requires bold and broad actions fueled by public-private sector collaboration that generates innovative ideas to reimagine how we retain and recruit talent."

Uzoma Orchingwa, founder and chief executive of Ameelio, a New Haven nonprofit that develops technology platforms for the incarcerated population, testified last month in support of the bill. The company contracts with four state prison systems to provide a free video-calling plat-

form to inmates. Now, it's aiming to provide technology to support the CDL training program.

Orchingwa said Ameelio developed an "upskilling platform" and made the trucking credential its first order of business.

"The driver shortage is so severe that people are hired regardless of their criminal record," Orchingwa said.

During the Senate debate Wednesday, Sen. Heather Somers, R-Groton, called the bill "a great example of what can happen when two agencies come together." She added: "We are solving the problem of having incarcerated folks be able to find work. We are filling the need of the supply chain, and we are working together across agencies to make this work."

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Albee's 'Virginia Woolf' to kick off Yale Rep's season

Contemporary Greek tragedy and a pair of new, female-backed plays will round out '22-23 lineup

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Yale Repertory Theatre has announced that its 2022-23 season will include an American classic, a modern adaptation of a Greek tragedy and two new plays.

The four plays are Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Leah Nanako Winkler's "The Brightest Thing in the World," Luis Alfaro's "Mojada: A Medea in Los Angeles" and Christina Anderson's "the ripple, the wave that carried me home."

Just as at Hartford Stage, which also announced its 2022-23 season on Thursday, both the new plays in the season line-up are by female playwrights, both have female directors and one of them is a world premiere.

Four plays is one less than the five Yale Rep has customarily done in recent pre-COVID seasons, or the six-show seasons it did for decades before that, but is more than this year's abbreviated three-show season of "Today Is My Birthday," "Choir Boy" and the upcoming "Between Two Knees."

As it did with the current season, Yale Repertory Theatre is again highlighting writers and directors who once studied at the Geffen School of Drama, the internationally renowned graduate theater program formerly known as the Yale School of Drama.

'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' by Edward Albee
Directed by James Bundy, Oct. 6 to 29

Opening the Yale Rep season, Oct. 6 to 29, is Edward Albee's rancorous relationship drama

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" It will be directed by James Bundy, who's been the artistic director of Yale Rep and the dean of the Geffen School of Drama for the past 20 years. Bundy directed Albee's "A Delicate Balance" at the Rep in 2010. In Connecticut, there've been memorable productions of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" over the years at the Long Wharf Theatre (starring Mike Nichols and Elaine May in 1980) and Hartford Stage (with Marlo Thomas and Robert Foxworth in 1992). Hartford Stage had a special affinity for Albee, staging nine of his plays, including the world premiere of his one-act "Homelife."

'The Brightest Thing in the World' by Leah Nanako Winkler
Directed by Margo Bordelon, Nov. 25 through Dec. 17

This world premiere of "The Brightest Thing in the World" by Leah Nanako Winkler, Nov. 25 through Dec. 17, will be directed by Margot Bordelon, who graduated from the Yale (now Geffen) School of Drama in 2013 and is now a prolific director in New York and at regional theaters throughout the country. The Rep describes "The Brightest Thing in the World" as "classic rom-com. Beguiling Lane works in a bakery and in short order wins over cool customer Steph with her warmth, wit and homemade desserts. Their blossoming relationship also opens the door to romance for Lane's older sister Della, who hasn't been on a date in years. But the skies dramatically darken as each woman must come to terms with her own limitations."



The late playwright Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" will open the Yale Repertory Theatre's season in October. COURTESY PHOTOS



Playwright — and Geffen School of Drama at Yale alum — Christina Anderson's "the ripple, the wave that carried me home" will be at the Yale Repertory Theatre in April 2023.

'Mojada: A Medea in Los Angeles' by Luis Alfaro
Directed by Laurie Woolery, March 10 through April 1, 2023

Luis Alfaro's "Mojada: A Medea in Los Angeles" March 10 through April 1, 2023, is a contemporary version of Euripides' Greek tragedy "Medea" set in contemporary L.A. and concerning a family of undocumented immigrants. It will be directed at Yale Rep by Laurie Woolery, who directed "Dream House" at the Long Wharf Theatre earlier this year and has done three previous shows at Yale Rep: "Manahatta,"

"El Huracán" and "Imogen Says Nothing." Alfaro's earlier foray into adapting Greek classics was his celebrated "Oedipus El Rey" in 2010. Hartford Stage staged Alfaro's "Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner" in 2007.

'the ripple, the wave that carried me home,' by Christina Anderson
Directed by Tamilla Woodward, April 28 through May 20, 2023

Christina Anderson's "the ripple, the wave that carried me home," April 28 through May 20, 2023, is directed by Tamilla Woodward, who studied acting at the school and is now the chair of its acting department and a new resident director at the Rep. Anderson's witchcraft drama "Good Goods" was done at the Rep in 2012 (she graduated from the Yale drama school in 2011). Woodward helmed the Working Theater's virtual play "American Dreams" that was webcast by a consortium of Connecticut arts organizations in 2020.

"Mojada" will be staged at the Yale University Theater at 222 York St., a block from the Rep, while the other three plays will be staged at the usual Rep theater space at 1120 Chapel St.

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Guilty plea in Norwalk cop case

Former officer accused of drinking while on job and ignoring calls

Associated Press

STAMFORD — A former Connecticut police officer accused of drinking alcohol on the job with another officer and disregarding dispatcher calls has pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$1,000 in fines.


Former Norwalk officer Sara Laudano pleaded guilty to misdemeanor larceny and reckless endangerment charges Thursday while appearing remotely before a Stamford Superior Court judge, Hearst Connecticut Media reported.

Police officials say Laudano and former Officer Michael DiMeglio were found at a Norwalk hotel after drinking alcohol in their cruisers and failing to respond to calls while on duty in October 2020. Police also said Laudano drove her cruiser with a baby and another person as passengers after drinking alcohol and using a vape pen with THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

DiMeglio pleaded guilty to the same charges last month and also will pay a \$1,000 fine while avoiding jail. Both former officers resigned from the force and their state certifications to serve as police officers were revoked.

"I apologize to the community, the officers and everyone that this all affected," Laudano said during Thursday's hearing.



Her lawyer, Raymond Hassett, said Laudano was stressed by working during the coronavirus pandemic and coming back to work early from maternity leave, which played roles in her conduct.



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Hayes: Song feels like No. 1 draft pick

From news services

Like most any boy growing up in Mobile, Walker Hayes’ early goal in his sporting career was obvious. Star at Alabama and then be drafted into the NFL. While it hasn’t quite worked out that way for the country music singer-songwriter, he has found the No. 1 overall draft pick of his profession.

Hayes, who appears in concert in Las Vegas on Saturday night, five days before the draft kicks off in town, had the mega-hit of 2021 with “Fancy Like.” The song not only crushed it on the charts and through every music medium, but it also launched a dance craze thanks to a TikTok he and daughter Lela concocted.

“That’s a humbling comparison,” he says of “Fancy Like’s” success in relation to the draft, “only because as a child my first dreams were to go pro like most kids in Alabama. I was put at defensive end in eighth or ninth grade, and I’m thinking, ‘This is it, I will be hitting quarter-backs the rest of my life.’

“When you say a first-round pick at the draft, that is one human selected out of millions and millions of kids who said one time in their life, ‘I will be the first draft pick in the NFL.’ ‘Fancy Like’ is like that for me, for sure. But I would have been happy with being a sixth-rounder, or just let me walk on, let me long snap for a team. I just wanted to be on the field. To be compared that way with that song, it is really mind blowing to process.”

Hayes also scored a pair of follow-up hits with “AA” and “U Girl,” and is on an extended national tour.

Complaint against Murray shuts down film shoot: Filming on Aziz Ansari’s directorial debut “Being Mortal” was shut down this week following a



Walker Hayes, seen April 11, will perform Saturday in Las Vegas, days before the NFL draft kicks off in town. JOHN AMIS/AP

reported complaint over inappropriate behavior by co-star Bill Murray. Filming began nearly a month ago in Los Angeles.

While specifics have not been made public, Deadline reported that the complaint was filed last week and that Murray is the subject of the complaint. According to Deadline, filming was paused Monday before the decision was made to suspend the Searchlight Pictures production. The studio reportedly informed cast and crew of the interruption in a letter Tuesday citing the unspecified complaint.

Searchlight Pictures on Wednesday confirmed that the “Being Mortal” production had been suspended, but would not comment on an ongoing investigation.

Colbert tests positive for COVID-19: Stephen Colbert tested positive for

COVID-19 on Thursday, canceling the night’s episode of “The Late Show.” Colbert, 57, said that he felt fine and had received three vaccine doses. “I tested positive for Covid, but basically I’m feeling fine- grateful to be vaxxed and boosted,” the comedian wrote in a tweet. “Thank you for the well wishes.”

“The Late Show” had planned to air reruns from Friday through May 1, so the only episode that was affected was Thursday’s, the show said in a tweet.

April 23 birthdays: Actor David Birney is 83. Actor Joyce DeWitt is 73. Director Michael Moore is 68. Actor Valerie Bertinelli is 62. Comedian George Lopez is 61. Actor Melina Kanakaredes is 55. Wrestler John Cena is 45. Comedian John Oliver is 45. Actor Kal Penn is 45. Actor Dev Patel is 32. Model Gigi Hadid is 27.

MUSIC

Vile tops new albums for spring

By Dan DeLuca
The Philadelphia Inquirer

There’s a song called “Fo Sho” on Kurt Vile’s parenthetically titled new album “(Watch My Moves)” in which the guitarist boasts of his impressive longevity in the music game.

“I know I’m right, and I’ve been doing this a long time,” Vile sings in his signature drawl over a loping, hypnotic groove. “Since before I was born.”

Well, maybe not that long. But the 42-year-old songwriter does make timeless music that’s unmistakably his own while also consciously drawing from his classic rock forebears.

The top-notch new “(Watch My Moves)” emphasizes the casually entrancing, semi-psychedelic, Zen approach to songwriting for which Vile has long been known.

The album opens with Vile accompanying himself on piano on the characteristically charming “Goin’ on a Plane Today.” Along with 14 new songs, the album includes a smartly selected cover of the Bruce Springsteen rarity “Wages of Sin.”

Besides Vile’s latest, here are four more recommended new releases.

‘Wet Leg,’ Wet Leg: The most buzzed-about release of April — or for that matter, the year — is the self-titled debut by Wet Leg, the duo of singer-guitarists Hester Chambers and Rhian Teasdale. The song that catapulted the duo from anonymity is “Chaise Longue,” the clever and super-catchy first single that sneaked its way onto year-end best of 2021 playlists.

“Chaise Longue” grates with repeated lists. But the pleasant surprise is that Wet Leg turns out to be full of non-gimmicky songs about sex, friendship



‘(Watch My Moves)’
Kurt Vile (Verve)

and groceries, like “Wet Dream,” that put to rest any worries that the band is a one-novelty wonder.

‘Ramona Park Broke My Heart,’ Vince Staples: Staples has been so consistently excellent in the years since his 2015 debut album “Summertime ’06” that his failure to become a household hip-hop name is somewhat puzzling.

Part of the answer is that the rapper tends to shift focus from project to project, and his clear, sharply observed missives from the streets are almost too matter-of-fact in their delivery for pop consumption. Despite its title, “Ramona Park Broke My Heart” is not as downcast as last year’s companion piece, “Vince Staples.”

Although the West Coast funk backdrops are buttery and pleasing, Staples can bring the listener up short as he describes a world where violence is ever present. In “When Sparks Fly,” the protagonist’s most cherished relationship is with a firearm. And “The Beach” issues a caution: “In the city, baby, your first rap can be a murder rap.”

‘Fear of the Dawn,’ Jack White: The guitar hero has always been shrewd when it comes to presenting his retro rock and blues obsession in shiny packaging, going back to the White Stripes.

“Fear of the Dawn” is the first of two albums due this



‘Wet Leg’
Wet Leg (Domino)

year from the auteur. The second, “Entering Heaven Alive,” is due July 22.

White doesn’t occupy the place in pop culture he did in the 2000s when White Stripes were at its zenith. But he has still got plenty of tricks up his sleeve and knows how to deliver a lightning bolt solo or a creepy theremin interlude for maximum drama.

From “Hi-De-Ho,” which samples Cab Calloway and pairs White with A Tribe Called Quest rapper Q-Tip, to the vampiric “Eosophobia,” White’s fourth album is a fun house ride of thrills and chills.

‘Growing Up,’ The Linda Lindas: The most unadulterated fun to be had among these releases is without question “Growing Up,” maybe because the music is not made by adults. The Linda Lindas are four Asian and Latinx punk rock girls, ranging in age from 11 to 17.

They came to fame last year via a viral video of their song “Racist, Sexist Boy” at the Los Angeles Public Library, with then-10-year-old drummer Mila de la Garza wearing a Bikini Kill shirt.

Much as with Wet Leg, “Growing Up” turns out to be a proving ground where the band, which takes its name from the 2005 Japanese movie “Linda Linda Linda,” demonstrates that it has a full album’s worth of smart, snappy songs.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Older sister has yet to make plans for estate

Dear Amy: My older sister is 75 and unmarried.

She has three grown children in their 50s. I am eight years younger than she.

My sister has always avoided aging and seems in denial about mortality.

When I visited the family a few months ago for her 75th birthday party, my niece expressed concern to me that my sister has made no provisions for death or unexpected illness.

She has no will, power of attorney, advance medical directive or burial or cremation instructions. Attempts by my niece and her siblings to discuss any of this with her are quickly dismissed. My sister refuses to talk about it.

Last year I shared with my sister my general estate plan. I had hoped that sharing such information might nudge her to do similar planning. No luck. My niece is concerned that she and her siblings will be left holding the bag to make critical medical and other decisions for their mother without any idea of what she would want.

This is not about monetary inheritance, as my sister doesn’t have a lot of money. My niece has asked me to try to influence my sister to at least prepare an advance medical directive and burial or cremation instructions.

Should I stay out of this or get involved — and, if so, how?

— Concerned Sister

Dear Concerned: Yes, you should attempt to speak to your sister about this. It might be best not to overwhelm her with estate planning, but do encourage

her to appoint a health care proxy as a start.

Given that you are savvy, well-prepared and substantially younger than your sister, you might be the right person to take this on.

My home state has health care proxy forms and very easy-to-understand instructions on the state’s government website. A directive can be simply worded or very detailed. Do a search for the state your sister lives in, discuss the forms with her, and if she would like you and you are willing, fill the forms out with her and notify her children of her decision. She can always change her mind later.

Dear Amy: My grandmother was married and widowed four times. Her resting place remains unmarked because the family had an ugly argument about what should go on her headstone.

It has been 20 years now. All of her children have passed away.

I would like to put a nice headstone up for her, but have no idea what to put on it.

She had children with the first two husbands, so I do think that it might be appropriate to use all of her names. What do you suggest?

— Wondering

Dear Wondering: It is such a good thing for you to finally mark your grandmother’s gravesite.

My answer is assuming that your grandmother’s four husbands are not buried in this family plot.

If I were doing this, I would include her full birth name, as well as her

final surname (assuming that she legally took her last husband’s surname). I would also include her children’s names.

For instance: Mary Bese-mer Clark Jones (birth and death dates)

Loving mother of Stacy Randolph Carter (birth and death dates)

And Steven Alden Fox (birth and death dates)

The cemetery will have guidelines. Some cemeteries will only allow names of people included on headstones if those persons are actually buried in that plot. Check with the cemetery director before you make your decision.

Dear Amy: Several years ago, you suggested that a woman “make friends with her fears,” name them “Stan,” then tell Stan to “get lost.”

I have my issues. The most destructive to me are my tendency to live in the past and to hold grudges.

Every time I start reliving negative events from my past, I tell my “Stan” I simply don’t have time for him now, and then deliberately distract myself, just like you said. It works! Immediately and easily!

I’m a lot happier, now that I’ve made friends with Stan.

— A Friend of Stan

Dear Friend: I remember writing that advice, and although I am unable to find the original column, I’m so happy you’ve made friends with your own “Stan.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19): No matter how much you want to help others, your abilities might not match your intentions. You have the desire to be there, but refusing help when someone offers to step in would be a mistake. Don’t do everything on your own!

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Internal desires could clash with your public persona. You may be trying to hide a certain opinion or a bad habit. However, none of us are perfect, and a flaw isn’t the end of the world. Let yourself be a little imperfect — even if other people can see, it will make you more human.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your intuition may clash with something that you thought you knew for a fact. It could turn into a battle between the head and the heart today when a decision looms over you, and it could be a moral one. Ask yourself which option will your future self take pride in.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): People could try to cross your boundaries today. You can stand your ground and let them know that your limits are firm. If they want to remain in your life, they need to respect the guidelines that you’ve set. It’s okay to wait to address it until later, but don’t forget that it happened!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 23, 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Mississippi.

In 1971, hundreds of Vietnam War veterans opposed to the conflict protested by

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone may make it difficult to get things done today. Someone you have a hard time working with is in a foul mood. They may attempt to drag you down, but keep your positive outlook! Trying to change their behavior probably won’t get you results, wait for better company.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Coming up with ideas may be a lot easier than executing them. You might have excellent inspiration, but you run into hiccups that make it difficult to proceed. Balance your idealized outcome with what you can make happen. Set expectations that you’ll be able to fulfill.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sentimentality could make it difficult to move forward. A relationship may be at an end, but you might still holding onto your time together. Figuring out where to go from here won’t be easy, but it is possible. Take your time when it comes to letting go of the past.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone close to you may challenge your security today. Their words, even if the topic is their life, could cause you to doubt your worth. Only you know what you’ve overcome to get to where you are, and only you know where you want to end up. Don’t base your self-worth on what someone else is doing!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you want to do might not be what you’re doing. You may have tried to eliminate a bad habit, but you now might be slipping back into old routines. You know there’s a reason you stopped, but don’t beat yourself up for succumbing to temptation! Just keep trying to be better.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Moving too enthusiastically now could lead to a commitment you end up regretting. Someone could be pressuring you to make a decision. While an exciting venture, it also comes with risk, and you’d be wise to think it through. Keeping a cool head will help you find success.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your family may be critical of your decisions. You are driven to choose your own path in life. It’s probably difficult to fit you in a box, but they may still try with unhelpful suggestions. Let them know that you appreciate their concerns but are able to choose your own path forward.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Wires can get crossed when communicating today. Something that you didn’t mean to say could slip out, or you may become emotional about a topic and speak out of turn. To help get your idea across, choose your words carefully and ask yourself if what you’re saying is easy to understand.

tossing their medals and ribbons over a wire fence in front of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

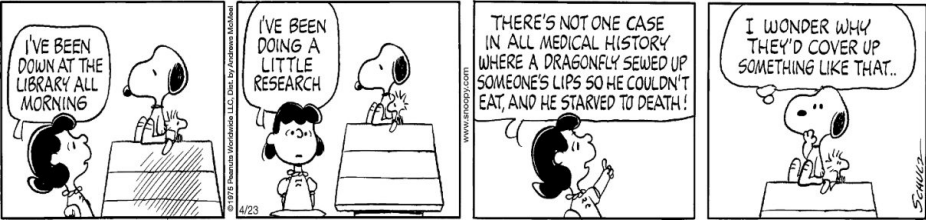
In 1993, labor leader Cesar Chavez died in San Luis, Arizona, at age 66.

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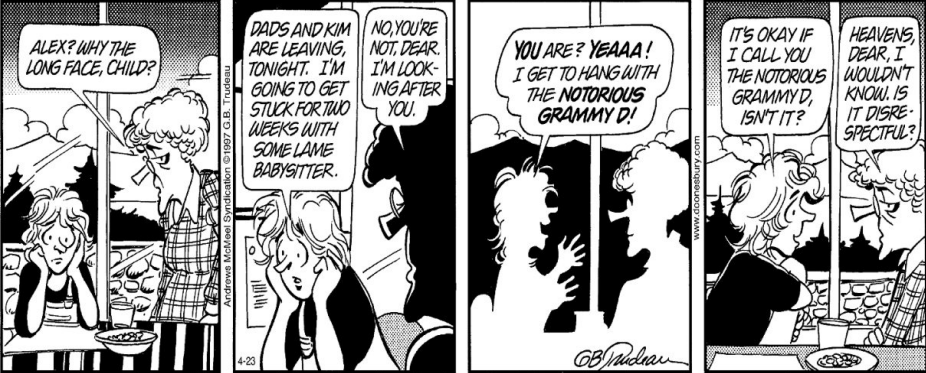
at the Zoo,” which showed YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo.

In 2020, at a White House briefing, President Donald Trump noted that researchers were looking at the effects of disinfectants on the coronavirus, and wondered aloud whether they could be injected into people.

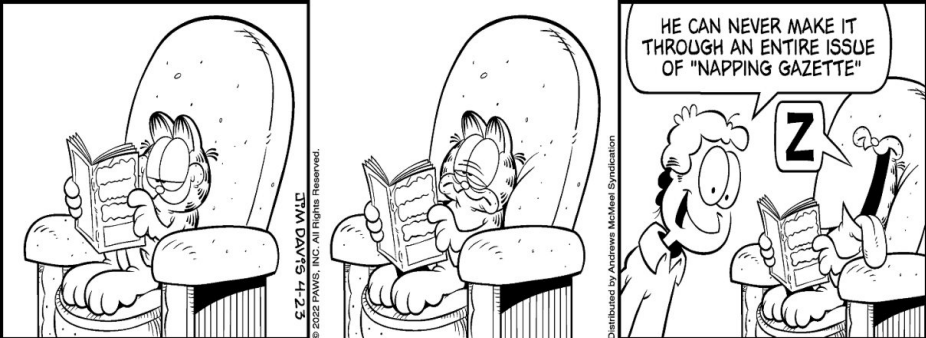
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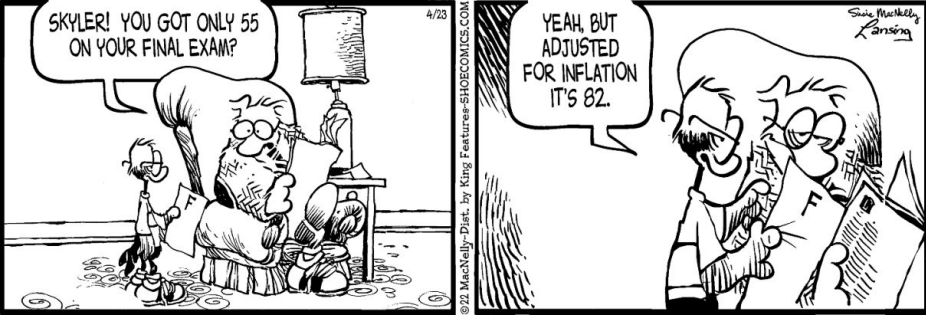
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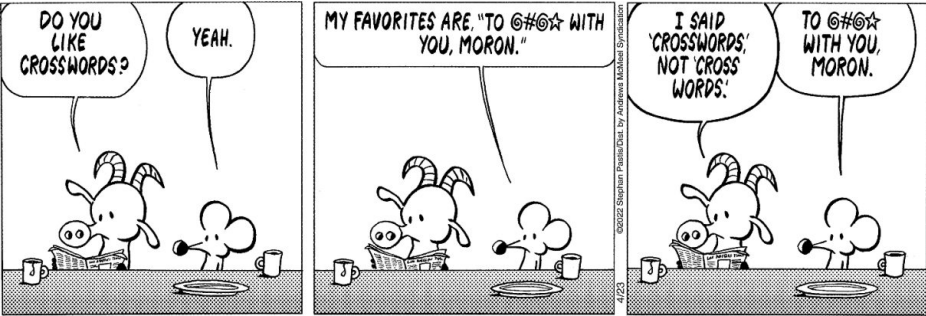
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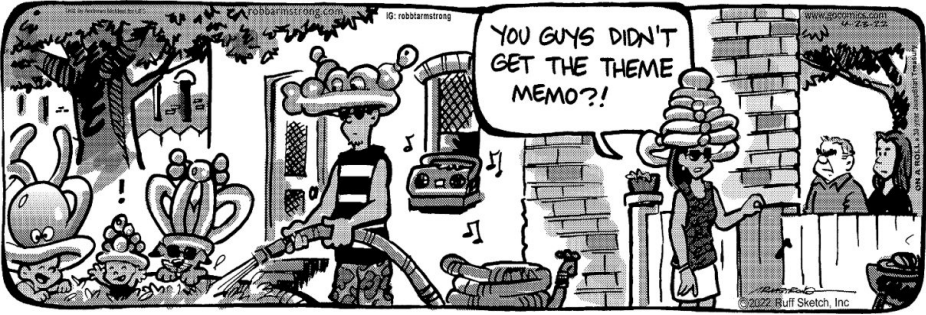
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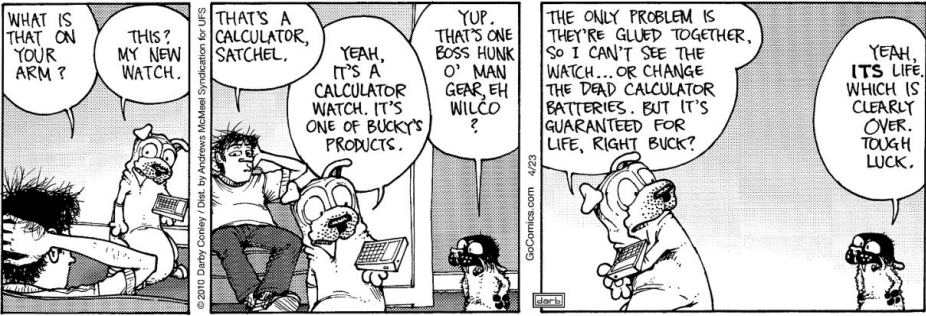
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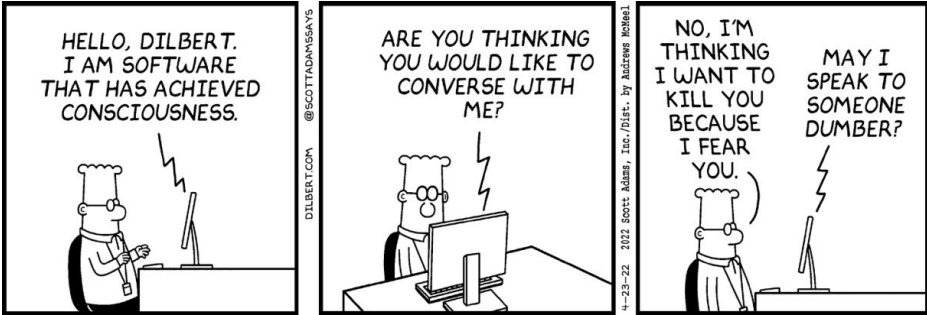
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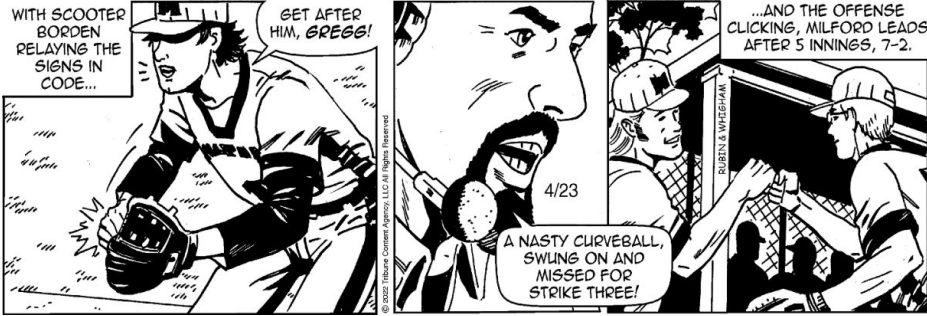
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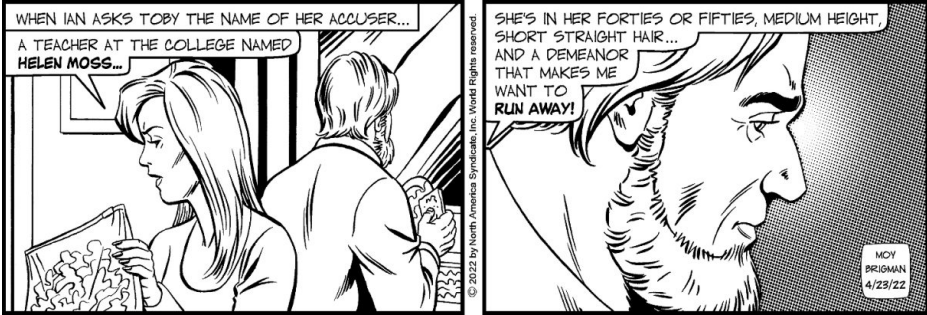
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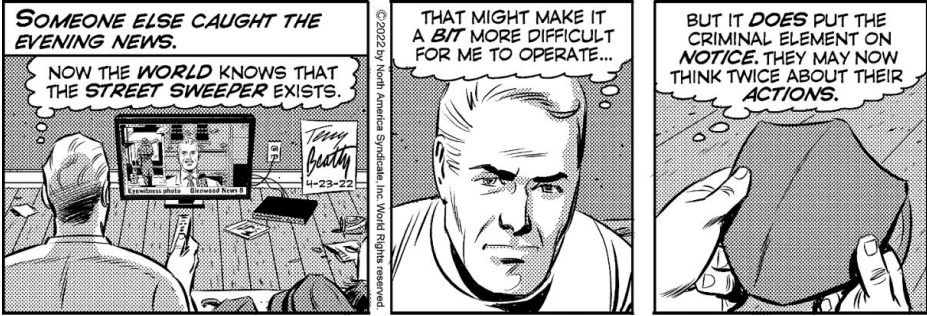
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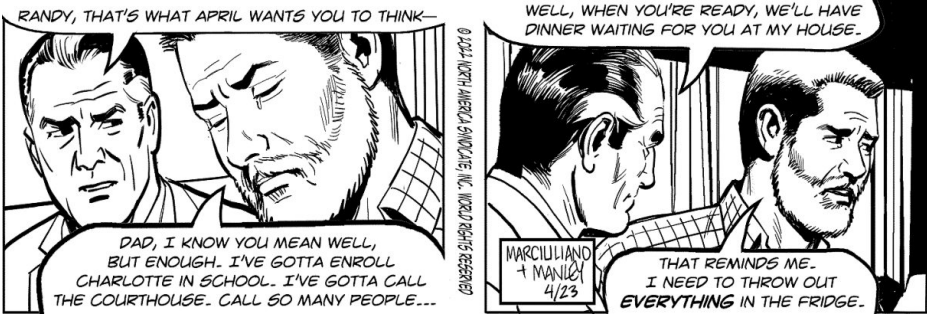
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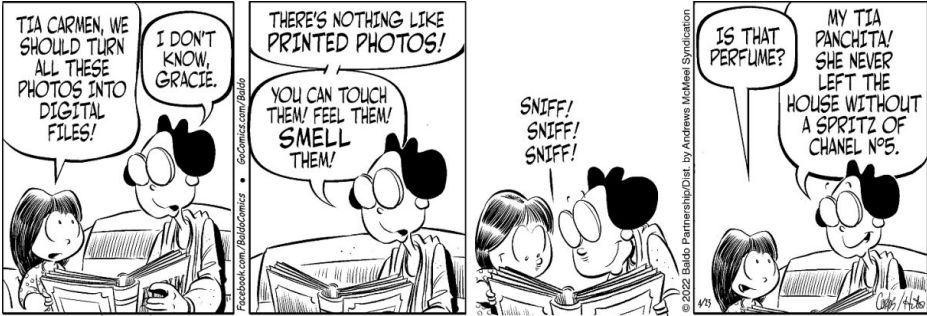
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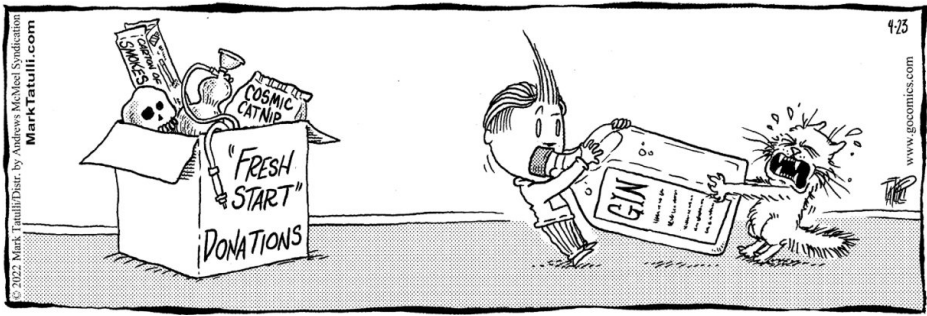
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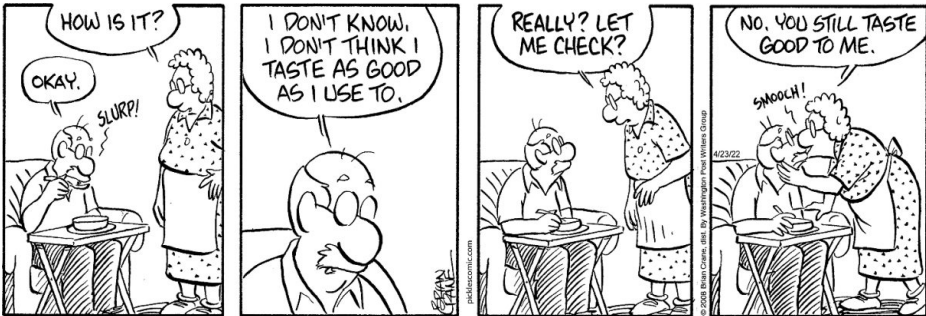
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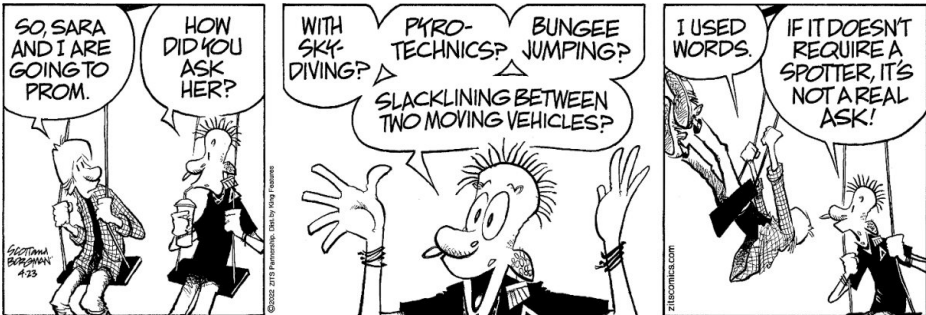
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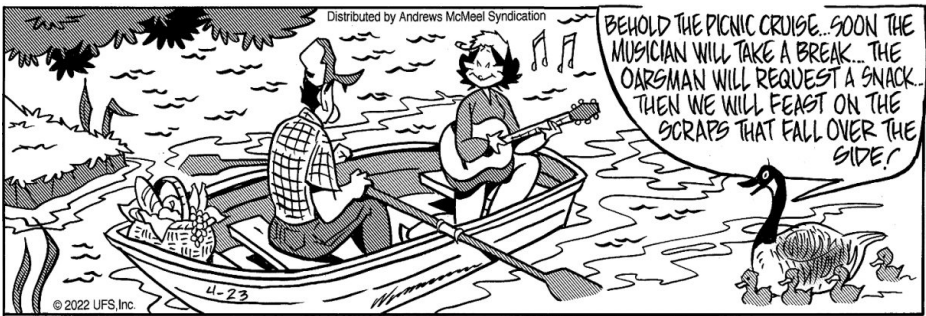
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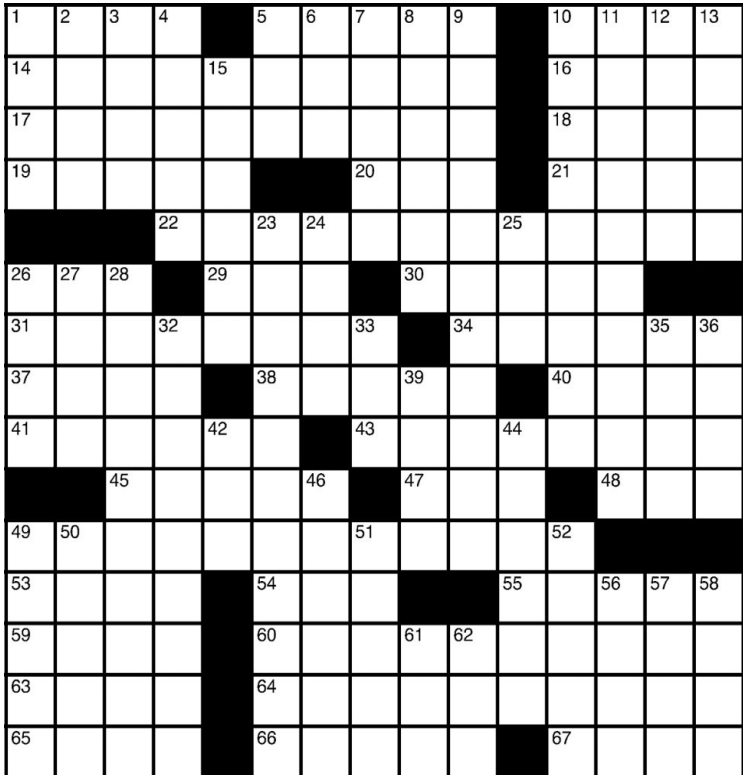
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CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 Cutting-edge name?
 - 5 Scenery in Road Runner cartoons
 - 10 Polite address
 - 14 "Sorry, my hands are tied ..."
 - 16 Price for hand delivery?
 - 17 Musical arrangement?
 - 18 Revolution
 - 19 "I rock!"
 - 20 Class stat
 - 21 "Can confirm"
 - 22 Mystery that may have a stirring message?
 - 26 Bon ___
 - 29 Place
 - 30 Unpredictable jerk
 - 31 Checked
 - 34 Aegean capital
 - 37 Folk dance
 - 38 Like all tigers
 - 40 Draft status
 - 41 Continues
 - 43 Run ragged
 - 45 "___ Gabler"
 - 47 U.N. agency
 - 48 Misery
 - 49 Popular performer
 - 53 "Yeah, no"
 - 54 Bread machine
 - 55 Source of some lumber
 - 59 Audio brand
 - 60 Bridal store event
 - 63 Central German river
 - 64 "Deep breaths ..."
 - 65 Ms. enclosure
 - 66 Unlikely assignment from a math teacher
- Down**
- 1 A bit off
 - 2 Australian novelist Astley
 - 3 Somewhat blue
 - 4 Cyclotron units
 - 5 Publication credited to the "Usual Gang of Idiots"
 - 6 Wrap
 - 7 Military blockade
 - 8 Makes fit
 - 9 Array for catching rays
 - 10 Disappearing act?
 - 11 "I'm waiting ..."
 - 12 Aweigh
 - 13 "With Reagan" memoirist
 - 15 Advances slowly
 - 23 Relocation option
 - 24 USPS assignments
 - 25 "Have some"
 - 26 Helgenberger of "CSI"
 - 27 Cookie with the same colors as a crossword
 - 28 Construction projects guaranteed to get off the ground
 - 32 Neither here nor there
 - 33 "Rainbow in the Dark" metal band
 - 35 Fictional Wolfe
 - 36 Drink that may be served warm
 - 39 Brand with a Vanessa Hudgens workout collection
 - 42 Like 2021
 - 44 Educator Annemarie who co-founded a school in Greater Detroit
 - 46 Sites for some rites
 - 49 Products with triple the power?
 - 50 Sitcom whose 1974 pilot episode was titled "Joe"
 - 51 Awards won by 50-Down
 - 52 Climbs
 - 56 Beyoncé voice role
 - 57 Airline whose first flight was from Geneva to Tel Aviv
 - 58 Have a heated exchange?
 - 61 School org.
 - 62 "The Thin Man" star



By Robyn Weintraub

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 7 6 5 2
♥ A
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A Q 8

WEST
♠ 4 3
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ 10 9 2

EAST
♠ —
♥ 10 6 5 3 2
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ K J 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 8
♥ J 9 4
♦ A K
♣ 7 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 NT Pass 6 ♠
Opening lead — king of hearts.

All you have to do is pray

Assume you're in six spades and West leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand?

Your only possible losers are two clubs, but one of these can be avoided if the club finesse wins. However, since the finesse offers only a 50% chance, you should look for another approach that might improve on that percentage.

Closer examination reveals that there is the possibility of a potential endplay against East. If all goes well, you will be able to score 12 tricks without trying the club finesse. You can take the ace of hearts, draw trump, ruff a heart, cash the A-K of diamonds, ruff another heart, then ruff a diamond. This will clear your hand and the dummy of both red suits.

You can then lead a club and, if West follows low, insert the eight. East might win with the nine, 10 or jack, but he must then lead a club into dummy's A-Q or yield a ruff-and-discard, and the slam is home. But there's a fly in the ointment. West

may play a club higher than the eight when you lead a club toward dummy (he would play the nine in the actual deal), and that would ruin your projected endplay. In that case, you would be right back where you started, needing West to hold the club king.

However, further study reveals that there is an even better method of play available: draw trump, cash the A-K of diamonds and lead the jack of hearts rather than the nine. West must cover with the queen; otherwise, you can discard a club from dummy.

You trump the queen in dummy, ruff a diamond and lead the nine of hearts, discarding a club from dummy. East wins with the 10 but must then hand you the slam.

This method of play takes advantage of the knowledge you gained from the opening lead — that West has the queen of hearts. All you have to do is pray that East has the 10. And if he doesn't, you still have all your other options in reserve.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VNEET
SUHEO
HVIRET
LFITEL

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He proposed with a self-made Jumble, and she said yes after seeing all the ...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

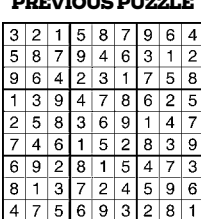
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Yesterday's Jumbles: UNWED COURT COPPER DUPLEX
Answer: Farms that grow fruits and vegetables — PRODUCE PRODUCE

TODAY'S SUDOKU

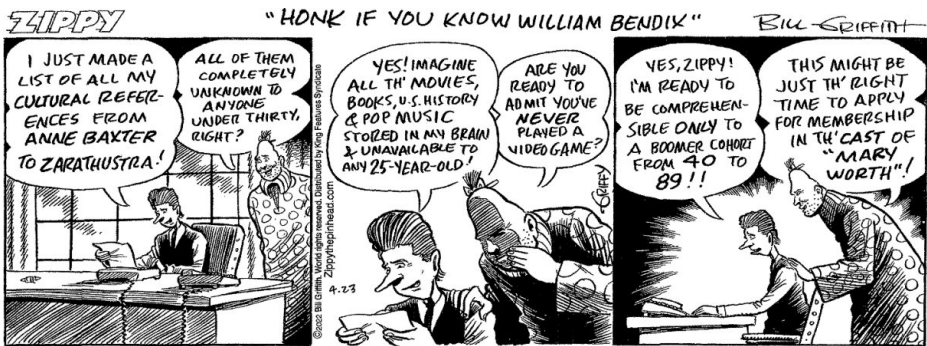


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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CELTICS

Udoka draws on past to defend Durant

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

Ime Udoka played in the NBA during the first four seasons of Kevin Durant's career and took his cracks at the great scorer, especially as a Spur.

Durant was in his early years in Oklahoma City, and Udoka learned about disrupting him with physicality. Udoka's knowledge grew as he joined Gregg Popovich's staff in San Antonio and saw Durant learn to fight through the rough stuff and reach an elite level.

Then he helped coach Durant last year as a member of the Brooklyn staff and departed for his first head coaching job in Boston with a lasting image from last season's conference finals loss to Milwaukee.

Up next



Celtics at Nets
Rd. 1, Game 3
7:30 p.m., ESPN
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"Last year in the Milwaukee series, PJ Tucker really got into his body, was physical, deny touches, deny catches, and so those are things that have worked so far," Udoka said after Thursday's practice, referring to how his own team is now guarding Durant.

As Durant noted following one of the most painful scoring experiences of his career, the Celtics mobbed him off the ball, denying touches and generally making his life uncomfortable. Though he

scored 27 points (18 from the line), he shot 4-for-17 and missed all five shots he took in the fourth. He's shot 13-for-41 over the two games in this series, turned the ball over 12 times (six in each game), and in general seemed ill at ease.

Udoka had raised caution heading into Game 2, citing a statistic that Durant has averaged 41.5 points in games following a loss during his Nets career. When the series switches to Brooklyn for Game 3 on Saturday night, the wise money is on Durant finally picking the Celtics apart. And Udoka's troops won't back off, with interesting free-throw repercussions.

But based on his coaching the last two games, Udoka has put his up-close knowledge of the Nets to



The Nets' Kevin Durant is double-teamed by the Celtics' Al Horford, left, and Jayson Tatum on Wednesday. The Celtics' physical defense has been effective through two games of the series. **MATT STONE / BOSTON HERALD**

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UCONN FOOTBALL SPRING GAME



UConn head coach Jim Mora talks to his team during the UConn Football Blue/White Football Showcase at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on Friday. **JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

HE'S HAVING A BALL

Faced with the monumental task of rebuilding Huskies program, Mora seems to be enjoying it

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

STORRS — Jim Mora went old-school Friday night, with a "hook C" cap given to him by baseball coach Jim Penders and a gray

UConn sweatshirt, later covered by a blue hoodie.

It was a look right out of the 1960s, Rick Forzano era — simpler, but happy football times at UConn.

As he tries to fashion a new era for UConn football, Mora sees everywhere that there is a lot of work ahead. But not once, he says, has the thought "what have I gotten myself into?" crept into his head.

"Not even for a heartbeat," Mora said at the halfway mark of the Blue-White Showcase at Joe

Morrone Stadium. "I mean, we have a lot of work to do, a ton of work to do, developing the men on our team, but I have not had one single moment when I have not been having fun."

"I think the future is very bright. It's going to be a process to get there, but thankfully I'm working with a group of guys that's excited to work to get there."

About 4,000 claimed free tickets to come out to the 5,200-seat soccer stadium and watch the Huskies practice, and it was a lively

night. The baseball team, playing next door, beat Villanova 4-1 to extend its winning streak to 12.

There was not much to learn from the last of 15 spring practices, much of it 11-on-11 drills with limited contact, but the vibe was positive at least. For a program that is 10-57 since 2016, it has to start somewhere.

Mora, 60, who coached the NFL's Falcons and Seahawks and also at UCLA, emerged after four



UConn wide receiver Nigel Fitzgerald, left, celebrates with offensive lineman Nikko Pohahau after Fitzgerald scored a touchdown Friday. **JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

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RED SOX

Sox have most aggressive offense in MLB, but it's simply not working so far

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

The Red Sox wrapped up their first homestand of the year looking like a car that keeps stalling.

"It's not fun when you're not playing well," short-stop Xander Bogaerts said Thursday.

It's like pulling teeth trying to steal some wins, which is why manager Alex Cora had no choice but to be aggressive with Garrett Whitlock in the ninth inning Tuesday night when they secured a 2-1 win, the only win of the series against a

Blue Jays team that looks like it'll be in first place in the American League East all season.

But there's a more concerning issue at stake: There's no momentum.

The Red Sox had a beautiful Opening Day at Fenway Park. It was 65 degrees and sunny. And the Sox lost 8-4 to the Twins in a game that saw No. 2 starter Nick Pivetta (10.03 ERA) lose the game in the first few innings.

They had a chance to pick up a series win against the Twins on Marathon

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Enrique Hernandez hits an RBI single for the Red Sox on Friday against the Rays in St. Petersburg, Fla. **SCOTT AUDETTE/AP**

YANKEES

Hicks the odd man out as club rolls with 14th different lineup in opener vs. Guardians

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — On any given day, the Yankees feel like they have 11 capable position players for nine spots. Marwin Gonzalez and Tim Lincecum are the only true bench players, in that they typically come to the ballpark expecting to be on the bench.

The catchers, Kyle Higashioka and Jose Trevino, are being treated more as a combined entity than a true starter and backup. Gleyber Torres, who has come off the bench a fair amount in the early going,

also plays regularly enough — and is still considered integral enough to the team, despite his down year in 2021 — to avoid being a traditional reserve.

Because of this, the Yankees are able to mix and match their lineups based on that day's matchup. It's a strategy that has become much more en vogue in recent years and paid off handsomely for teams like the Rays and Giants, who rarely roll out the same lineup in consecutive games.

On Friday, manager Aaron Boone decided Aaron Hicks

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA First Round at Nets (Game 3), Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA First Round at Nets (Game 4), Monday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Nets (Game 5, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD
Nets: NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 3), Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 4), Monday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 5, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD
Bruins: Rangers, Saturday, 3 p.m.; at Canadiens, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Panthers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Bruins, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Hurricanes, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Canadiens, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Bridgeport, Saturday, 7 p.m.; W-B/Scranton, Sunday, 3 p.m.
Red Sox: at Rays, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Rays, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Guardians, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Guardians, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Orioles, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Diamondbacks, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Diamondbacks, Sunday, 4 p.m.; at Cardinals, Monday, 7:45 p.m.
Yard Goats: Somerset, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Somerset, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Harrisburg, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

TV/RADIO
AUTO RACING

6:25 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, Practice 2. (Live) ESPN2
10:25 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, Qualifying. (Live) ESPN
11 a.m.: NASCAR Cup Series GEICO 500, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
1 p.m.: ARCA Racing Series Talladega. (Live) FS1
4 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Ag-Pro 300. (Live) FOX
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Vanderbilt at Kentucky. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
1 p.m.: Guardians at Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
4 p.m.: Chicago White Sox at Minnesota Twins. (Live) FS1
4:30 p.m.: Mississippi State at Ole Miss. (Live) ESPN2
6 p.m.: Virginia Tech at Boston College. (Live) ACC
6 p.m.: Red Sox at Rays. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
8 p.m.: Mets at Diamondbacks. (Live), WPIX. Radio: 880.
8:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
2 p.m.: 76ers at Raptors. (Live) SPRTNET, TNT
4:30 p.m.: Mavericks at Jazz. (Live) TNT
7:30 p.m.: Celtics at Nets. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: Grizzlies at Timberwolves. (Live) ESPN
FOOTBALL
12 p.m.: USFL Football Pittsburgh vs Philadelphia. (Live) FOX
3 p.m.: Spring Football: USC. (Live) ESPN
4 p.m.: Virginia Spring Game. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: USFL Football Birmingham vs Houston. (Live) FS1
GOLF
8 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf ISPS Handa Championship in Spain, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Third Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: ClubCorp Classic, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
7 p.m.: DIO Implant LA Open, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
12:30 p.m.: Penguins at Red Wings. (Live) NHL
3 p.m.: Rangers at Bruins. (Live) ABC
7 p.m.: Canadiens at Senators. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Predators at Lightning. (Live) NHL
10 p.m.: Canucks at Flames. (Live) SPRTNET
SOCCER
7:30 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Arsenal vs Manchester United. (Live) USA
9:30 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer RB Leipzig vs FC Union Berlin. (Live) SPRTNET
10 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Leicester City vs Aston Villa. (Live) CNBC
10 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs Watford. (Live) USA
12:25 p.m.: Bundesliga Soccer Bayern Munich vs Borussia Dortmund. (Live) ABC
12:30 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Brentford vs Tottenham Hotspur. (Live) NBC
1 p.m.: NWSL Soccer Washington Spirit at North Carolina Courage. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: Fútbol MLS FC Dallas vs. Houston Dynamo. (Live) UNI
5 p.m.: MLS Soccer Chicago Fire FC at Minnesota United FC. (Live) ESPN
5:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Pachuca vs. Monterrey. (Live) UNI
7:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Tigres UANL vs. América. (Live) UNI
9:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Guadalajara vs. Pumas UNAM. (Live) TELE

UConn

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years out of coaching to take on this challenge. It's a different level of talent than he is used to coaching perhaps but also a different attitude,

“The most important thing I’ve learned is their willingness to do what it takes to become a good football team,” Mora said. “Their attitude is outstanding, their work ethic is outstanding, the way they talk to each other is outstanding. The culture we’re building is really good.

“We have to keep developing the players we have and adding talent, but I’ve had more fun with this team than any team I’ve ever coached so far. We’re undefeated.” Ta’Quan Roberson, the transfer from Penn State, appears to be the leader at the quarterback position, taking most of the first-team snaps and throwing impressive spirals. Steven Krajewski, who played most of the time last season at quarterback, got a significant number of snaps Friday, throwing a touchdown pass to Nigel Fitzgerald, the grad transfer from Old Dominion.

Tyler Phommachanh is still limited as he recovers from knee surgery. “We’re trying to just build

consistency,” Mora said. “Sometimes the throws that look like they’re on the quarterback aren’t. Maybe the route’s not exactly crisp; maybe there’s pressure. What I see is guys who are competing hard, trying to become more consistent and have guys around them who are more consistent as well.”

The strongest area for UConn, with holdovers such as Keelan Marion, who had 28 catches for 447 yards last year, and newcomers such as Fitzgerald, may be wide receiver.

“[Fitzgerald] has done well,” Mora said. “He had groin surgery a while back and he pulled it again the other day, but I’ve been impressed with the way he’s fought through it.

“He’s a big target, and he stretches out. You can throw it over people; he can make catches like that. We had a nice ball to Keelan [Marion].”

The roster has been overhauled with an influx of transfers, and the true freshmen arrive in June, so there will be more competition as UConn tries to build offensive and defensive lines, the root of most of the deficiencies last season.

“I see few penalties, which I like,” Mora said. “We’re not tackling [by design], and when you’re not tackling, it’s hard from the stands or sidelines to gauge what’s



UConn quarterback Ta’Quan Roberson throws during the UConn Football Blue/White Football Showcase Friday. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

going on, or even for me standing on the field. You go back and look at the film, you’re looking at execution; you’re looking at effort. Right now, we’re just trying to get our operation down.”

And as UConn builds a team, Mora has worked tirelessly to get people excited about UConn football. This event, for which Gov. Ned Lamont showed and spent some time on the sidelines, was a start.

“I’ll just say this, it’s awesome being out here,” Mora said. “It’s a

great environment. People here, people are at the baseball game, walking around under the lights.

“I know our players are loving it. We’re sloppy right now, I think they’re a little nervous. We could hardly get through pregame, which we worked on yesterday, it’s a little shocking.

“It’s a good thing we’re doing this. We’ll do it several more times, dress rehearsals before games.”

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The Mets’ David Peterson, shown in March, got the start Friday night in Phoenix. Manager Buck Showalter eased his starters into the season, but is giving them a longer leash now. SUE OGROCKI/AP

METS

Strong rotation allowing the club’s vulnerable bullpen to find its form

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

These past two weeks, we’ve seen Mets starters picking up the slack without the injured Jacob deGrom. While the strong start from the rotation has been a pleasure to watch unfold, no unit is happier about that early success than the Mets bullpen.

Manager Buck Showalter stuck to his word in the first week of games by slowly building up his starters’ pitch counts, which resulted in a 5-2 road trip against division rivals.

Max Scherzer, still battling through a hamstring tweak, was finished after six innings, 80 pitches in his season debut. Chris Bassitt was pulled from his first start after six scoreless innings and 93 pitches in Washington. The Mets were extra careful with Carlos Carrasco in his first outing, since he was coming off elbow

surgery, so Showalter yanked him after allowing just two hits in 5 ⅓ innings and 72 pitches. Tylor Megill, too, was given a short leash on Opening Day, hurling five shutout innings before the game turned to the relief corps.

Mets starters’ first turn through the rotation, brought on by Showalter’s unwavering decision to limit their pitch counts to begin the season, led to plenty of looks at Mets relievers. It didn’t take long to learn that the Mets bullpen was a thin group that lacked an identity, and quickly could become the Achilles’ heel of an otherwise promising roster.

As the 10-4 Mets entered a three-game series Friday against the 5-8 Diamondbacks, three of the Mets’ four losses came directly at the hands of the Mets bullpen. The first two losses took place after those aforementioned short outings from Mets starters, where Carrasco and David

Peterson both left with leads, only to see the Nationals and Phillies rally to win. The same thing happened last Saturday, when Carrasco’s eight-strikeout, five-inning start against Arizona was spoiled by a combination of disappointing relief appearances from Joely Rodriguez and Seth Lugo.

The strategy, while seemingly proving beneficial for the Mets rotation, was not working out in the wins column. The Mets bullpen seemed overmatched in the first week of the season, even when facing less competitive lineups like the Nationals and Diamondbacks.

So it was a relief when Showalter extended the leash on his starters and allowed them to go deeper into games. And the bullpen has responded. Mets relievers hadn’t allowed a run over their last five games and 17 innings entering Friday’s game.

Yankees

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would be one of the odd men out of the starting lineup to open the series against Cleveland (the game wasn’t over in time for this edition). Aaron Judge took his place in center field, with Giancarlo Stanton taking right and DJ LeMahieu serving as DH with Torres getting the start at

second. It was the Yankees’ 14th different lineup in their first 14 games. Boone opened his pregame press conference by explaining the reasoning behind Hicks’ day off.

“Just looking at the next couple days, we have a day game [on Saturday] after a night game,” Boone said. “I just felt like this was the one [to give him a day off].”

As for his catchers, Boone doesn’t have them in traditional roles either. Trevino got his fifth

start behind the plate on Friday night, which is never really in place of Higashioka, Boone explained, but in fact how he always viewed the situation playing out.

“I view it as a tandem right now,” Boone said. “Obviously, we have Ben [Rortvedt] down there, too, working his way back. But yeah, I view it more as a tandem.”

Trevino, a relative unknown for most baseball fans, started his Yankees career with five hits

in his first 12 plate appearances (.417 average). That is surely more than the Yankees would have expected, but it speaks to the idea that neither he nor Higashioka is really the second string, rather two capable players who will each get his reps.

“Jose’s been great in every way for us,” Boone said, “great in our room, great behind the plate. He’s had a lot of good at-bats, and he’s running the bases well.”

REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn beats Villanova for 12th win in a row

Staff reports

Austin Peterson (8-0) held Villanova to five hits and one run in 8 ⅓ innings as UConn defeated the Wildcats 4-1 in a Big East baseball game Friday night in Storrs. Peterson struck out seven and walked two.

Justin Willis got the final two outs, both on strikeouts, for the save.

It was the 12th consecutive victory for the Huskies (31-7, 7-0). Ben Huber was 2 for 2 with an RBI for UConn.

Cole Patten (2-6) went 7 ½ innings, allowing seven hits and four runs, three earned for the Wildcats (14-19-1, 4-6). He walked four.

Checkers rally past Wolf Pack:

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Tanner Fritz gave the Wolf Pack a first-period lead, but the Charlotte Checkers came back to win 2-1 at the XL Center in Hartford.

Fritz scored his 13th goal of the season with 1:45 to play in the first, assisted by Jarred Tinordi. Chase Priskie tied it for the Checkers 9:30 into the second, and Scott Wilson scored the winner, his 24th goal of the season, with 10:28 to play in the game.

Joey Daccord stopped 21 shots for Charlotte. Keith Kinkaid made 24 saves for Hartford.

The Wolf Pack have two games remaining in the regular season, visiting the Bridgeport Islanders on Saturday night and concluding the season Sunday back home against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| EAST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-----------|---|---|------|----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Toronto | 8 | 5 | .615 | — | — | 6-4 | W-2 | 4-2 | 4-3 |
| New York | 7 | 6 | .538 | 1 | — | 5-5 | L-1 | 4-3 | 3-3 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 6 | .538 | 1 | — | 4-6 | W-2 | 4-3 | 3-3 |
| Boston | 6 | 7 | .462 | 2 | 1 | 5-5 | L-2 | 3-4 | 3-3 |
| Baltimore | 4 | 9 | .308 | 4 | 3 | 4-6 | L-1 | 3-3 | 1-6 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-------------|---|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Cleveland | 7 | 5 | .583 | — | — | 7-3 | W-3 | 3-3 | 4-2 |
| Chicago | 6 | 6 | .500 | 1 | ½ | 5-5 | L-4 | 4-2 | 2-4 |
| Kansas City | 5 | 6 | .455 | 1 ½ | 1 | 4-6 | L-1 | 5-5 | 0-1 |
| Detroit | 5 | 7 | .417 | 2 | 1 ½ | 4-6 | W-1 | 3-6 | 2-1 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 8 | .385 | 2 ½ | 2 | 4-6 | W-1 | 2-4 | 3-4 |

| WEST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|-------------|---|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Los Angeles | 8 | 5 | .615 | — | — | 7-3 | W-2 | 3-3 | 5-2 |
| Oakland | 8 | 6 | .571 | ½ | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 3-1 | 5-5 |
| Seattle | 7 | 6 | .538 | 1 | — | 5-5 | L-1 | 4-2 | 3-4 |
| Houston | 6 | 6 | .500 | 1 ½ | ½ | 4-6 | L-2 | 1-2 | 5-4 |
| Texas | 3 | 9 | .250 | 4 ½ | 3 ½ | 3-7 | W-1 | 1-5 | 2-4 |

BOX SCORES

MLB AVERAGE ROSTER AGE, TIME OF GAME

| 2022 | BAGE | PAGE | TIME |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| Arizona | 26.9 | 30.7 | 3:09 |
| Atlanta | 29.2 | 29.7 | 3:06 |
| Baltimore | 28.1 | 28.2 | 3:16 |
| Boston | 28.9 | 31.1 | 3:15 |
| Chicago Cubs | 28.6 | 30.8 | 3:01 |
| Chicago White Sox | 28.8 | 28.8 | 3:05 |
| Cincinnati | 30.0 | 27.0 | 3:03 |
| Cleveland | 26.1 | 26.7 | 3:05 |
| Colorado | 29.6 | 29.9 | 3:11 |
| Detroit | 28.9 | 27.0 | 3:09 |
| Houston | 29.8 | 29.9 | 3:16 |
| Kansas City | 29.1 | 27.5 | 2:55 |
| Los Angeles Angels | 28.5 | 27.7 | 3:17 |
| Los Angeles Dodgers | 29.8 | 29.2 | 3:04 |
| Miami | 29.6 | 27.8 | 3:08 |
| Milwaukee | 29.9 | 28.2 | 3:09 |
| Minnesota | 27.4 | 29.4 | 3:05 |
| New York Mets | 30.4 | 31.1 | 3:18 |
| New York Yankees | 30.8 | 29.4 | 3:25 |
| Oakland | 29.0 | 28.2 | 3:04 |
| Philadelphia | 28.6 | 29.3 | 3:13 |
| Pittsburgh | 27.9 | 27.7 | 3:06 |
| San Diego | 28.5 | 30.4 | 2:59 |
| Seattle | 26.9 | 27.9 | 2:58 |
| San Francisco | 30.2 | 29.6 | 3:04 |
| St. Louis | 29.8 | 31.1 | 3:09 |
| Tampa Bay | 27.1 | 28.6 | 3:00 |
| Texas | 29.3 | 29.2 | 3:15 |
| Toronto | 27.0 | 30.0 | 3:07 |
| Washington | 29.5 | 28.6 | 3:17 |

| 2021 | BAGE | PAGE | TIME |
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| Arizona | 28.9 | 28.5 | 3:15 |
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| Boston | 28.0 | 29.7 | 3:17 |
| Chicago Cubs | 29.1 | 29.4 | 3:16 |
| Chicago White Sox | 28.1 | 28.3 | 3:09 |
| Cincinnati | 28.9 | 28.9 | 3:14 |
| Cleveland | 26.7 | 26.3 | 3:04 |
| Colorado | 28.1 | 28.3 | 3:12 |
| Detroit | 28.1 | 27.3 | 3:06 |
| Houston | 28.9 | 28.7 | 3:19 |
| Kansas City | 29.3 | 27.9 | 3:08 |
| Los Angeles Angels | 29.1 | 28.6 | 3:12 |
| Los Angeles Dodgers | 29.2 | 28.8 | 3:18 |
| Miami | 28.2 | 27.3 | 3:11 |
| Milwaukee | 28.7 | 28.1 | 3:16 |
| Minnesota | 28.3 | 29.8 | 3:10 |
| New York | 28.2 | 29.5 | 3:09 |
| New York Yankees | 29.3 | 29.3 | 3:16 |
| Oakland | 30.1 | 30.1 | 3:08 |
| Philadelphia | 29.1 | 28.8 | 3:17 |
| Pittsburgh | 27.5 | 27.4 | 3:11 |
| San Diego | 28.0 | 29.6 | 3:18 |
| Seattle | 27.0 | 28.0 | 3:12 |
| San Francisco | 30.6 | 29.7 | 3:12 |
| St. Louis | 28.5 | 30.1 | 3:10 |
| Tampa Bay | 27.7 | 28.8 | 3:07 |
| Texas | 26.8 | 27.8 | 3:05 |
| Toronto | 26.8 | 29.1 | 3:04 |
| Washington | 28.6 | 30.1 | 3:13 |

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CAREER WINS

| Player | Wins |
|-------------------|------|
| Cy Young | 411 |
| Walter Johnson | 517 |
| Pete Alexander | 373 |
| Christy Mathewson | 373 |
| Pud Galvin | 365 |
| Warren Spahn | 363 |
| Kid Nichols | 362 |
| Greg Maddux | 355 |
| Roger Clemens | 354 |
| Tim Lincecum | 352 |
| Steve Carlton | 329 |
| John Clarkson | 328 |
| Eddie Plank | 326 |
| Nolan Ryan | 324 |
| Don Sutton | 324 |
| Phil Niekro | 318 |
| Gaylord Perry | 314 |
| Tom Seaver | 311 |
| Old Hoss Radbourn | 310 |
| Mickey Welch | 307 |
| Tom Glavine | 305 |
| Randy Johnson | 303 |
| Lefty Grove | 300 |
| Early Wynn | 300 |
| Bobby Mathews | 297 |
| Tommy John | 288 |
| Bob Blyleven | 287 |
| Robin Roberts | 286 |
| Fergie Jenkins | 284 |
| Tommy Mullane | 284 |
| Jim Kaat | 283 |
| Red Ruffing | 273 |
| Burleigh Grimes | 270 |
| Mike Mussina | 270 |
| Jamie Moyer | 269 |
| Jim Palmer | 268 |
| Bob Feller | 266 |
| Eppa Rixey | 266 |
| Jim McCormick | 265 |
| Gus Weehring | 264 |
| Ted Lyons | 260 |
| Andy Pettitte | 256 |
| Red Faber | 254 |
| Jack Morris | 254 |
| Carl Hubbell | 253 |
| Al Spalding | 252 |
| Bob Gibson | 251 |
| CC Sabathia | 251 |
| Vic Willis | 249 |
| Bartolo Colon | 247 |
| Jack Quinn | 247 |
| Joe McGinnity | 246 |
| Amos Rusie | 246 |
| Dennis Martinez | 245 |
| Jack Powell | 245 |
| Juan Marichal | 243 |
| Herb Pennock | 241 |
| Frank Tanana | 240 |
| Mordecai Brown | 239 |
| David Wells | 239 |

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

APRIL 23
1903: The New York Highlanders won their first game as a major league team, 7-2 over the Washington Senators.
1913: New York Giants ace Christy Mathewson beat the Phillies 3-1, throwing just 67 pitches.
1939: Rookie Ted Williams went 4-for-5, including his first major league home run, but the Red Sox lost to Philadelphia 12-8 at Fenway Park.
1946: Ed Head of the Brooklyn Dodgers no-hit the Boston Braves 5-0 at Ebbets Field. Head was making his first start after a year's military service.
1952: Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians and Bob Cain of the St. Louis

Browns matched one-hitters. Cain wound up as the winner, 1-0.
1952: Hoyt Wilhelm of the Giants hit a home run at the Polo Grounds in his first major league at-bat. He was the winner, too, and pitched 1,070 games in the majors- but never hit another homer.
1954: Hank Aaron hit the first home run of his major league career. The drive came against Vic Raschi in the Milwaukee Braves' 7-5 victory over St. Louis.
1962: After an 0-9 start, the expansion New York Mets won their first game beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-1 behind Jay Hook.
1964: Ken Johnson of the Houston Colt .45s became the first pitcher to lose a nine-inning no-hitter when Pete Rose

scored an unearned run to give the Cincinnati Reds a 1-0 victory.
1989: Nolan Ryan came within two outs of his sixth career no-hitter, losing it when Nelson Liriano tripped in the ninth inning as the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-1. Ryan finished with his 10th lifetime one-hitter.
1999: Fernando Tatis of St. Louis became the first in major league history to hit two grand slams in one inning in a 12-5 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tatis also set the record with eight RBIs in one inning.
2008: The Chicago Cubs won their 10,000th game, joining the Giants as the only franchise to reach that mark with a 7-6 10-inning victory at Colorado.
2009: Ichiro Suzuki lined James Shields'

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| EAST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|--------------|----|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| New York | 10 | 4 | .714 | — | — | 7-3 | W-1 | 5-2 | 5-2 |
| Atlanta | 6 | 8 | .429 | 4 | 3 | 4-6 | L-1 | 3-4 | 3-4 |
| Miami | 5 | 7 | .417 | 4 | 3 | 4-6 | W-1 | 4-3 | 1-4 |
| Washington | 6 | 9 | .400 | 4 ½ | 3 ½ | 4-6 | L-2 | 3-5 | 3-4 |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 8 | .385 | 4 ½ | 3 ½ | 3-7 | W-1 | 3-3 | 2-5 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|------------|---|----|------|----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| St. Louis | 7 | 4 | .636 | — | — | 6-4 | L-1 | 3-1 | 4-3 |
| Milwaukee | 8 | 5 | .615 | — | ½ | 7-3 | W-4 | 5-2 | 3-3 |
| Chicago | 6 | 7 | .462 | 2 | 2 ½ | 4-6 | L-3 | 3-4 | 3-3 |
| Pittsburgh | 6 | 7 | .462 | 2 | 2 ½ | 5-5 | W-1 | 4-2 | 2-5 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 11 | .154 | 6 | 6 ½ | 1-9 | L-9 | 0-2 | 2-9 |

| WEST | W | L | PCT | GB | WCGB | L10 | STR | HOME | AWAY |
|---------------|---|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Los Angeles | 9 | 3 | .750 | — | — | 8-2 | W-1 | 6-1 | 3-2 |
| Colorado | 8 | 4 | .667 | 1 | — | 7-3 | L-1 | 6-4 | 2-0 |
| San Diego | 9 | 5 | .643 | 1 | — | 6-4 | W-4 | 5-2 | 4-3 |
| San Francisco | 8 | 5 | .615 | 1 ½ | ½ | 6-4 | L-1 | 4-2 | 4-3 |
| Arizona | 5 | 8 | .385 | 4 ½ | 3 ½ | 4-6 | W-2 | 2-4 | 3-4 |

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

| INTERLEAGUE | 2022 | 2021 VS OPP | LAST 3 STARTS |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| TM PITCHER | TIME W-L ERA | TR W-L IP ERA | W-L IP ERA |
| Col Senzatela (R) | G1 1-0 2.16 | 2-0 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 1-1 9.0 8.00 |
| Det Skubal (L) | 1:10p 0-1 3.72 | 1-1 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-1 13.0 6.23 |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | 2022 | 2021 VS OPP | LAST 3 STARTS |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| TM PITCHER | TIME W-L ERA | TR W-L IP ERA | W-L IP ERA |
| Cle McCarty (L) | 0-0 0.00 0.00 | 0-0 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 |
| NY Yankees Cortes Jr. (L) | 1:05p 0-0 0.00 | 1-1 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-1 14.0 1.29 |
| ChW Velasquez (R) | 0-1 4.15 1.1 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-2 13.1 5.40 |
| Min Bundy (R) | 4:05p 2-0 0.87 | 2-0 0-0 6.0 4.50 | 2-0 11.2 1.54 |
| Tex Pérez (L) | 0-2 6.75 0.2 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-3 9.1 8.68 |
| Oak Montas (R) | 4:07p 2-1 3.64 | 2-1 0-1 5.2 12.71 | 2-1 17.1 3.63 |
| Tor Manoah (R) | 2-0 1.50 2-0 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 3-0 19.0 1.42 |
| Hou Urquidy (R) | 4:10p 1-1 7.00 | 1-1 1-1 11.1 6.35 | 1-1 15.0 6.00 |
| Bos Hill (L) | 0-1 7.00 1-1 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 1-1 14.0 5.79 |
| TB TBD | 6:10p 0-0 0.00 | 0-0 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 |
| Bal Watkins (R) | 0-0 2.25 0-2 | 0-1 3.0 24.00 | 0-1 13.0 5.54 |
| LAA Syndergaard (R) | 9:07p 2-0 1.59 | 2-0 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 2-1 12.1 2.92 |
| KC Bubic (L) | 0-1 10.80 1-1 | 1-0 10.2 5.06 | 0-2 11.2 6.17 |
| Sea Brash (R) | 9:10p 1-1 3.38 | 1-1 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 1-1 10.2 3.38 |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | 2022 | 2021 VS OPP | LAST 3 STARTS |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| TM PITCHER | TIME W-L ERA | TR W-L IP ERA | W-L IP ERA |
| SF Wood (L) | 1-0 1.93 1-1 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 1-0 15.1 1.17 |
| Was TBD | 1:05p 0-0 0.00 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 |
| Pit Thompson (R) | 0-1 9.00 1-1 | 0-0 4.0 4.50 | 0-2 9.0 9.00 |
| ChC Hendricks (R) | 2:20p 0-1 6.08 | 2-1 0-1 3.2 14.73 | 0-1 13.1 6.08 |
| Mil Houser (R) | 0-2 2.89 0-2 | 0-1 6.0 3.00 | 1-2 14.1 1.88 |
| Phi Wheeler (R) | 4:05p 0-2 3.39 | 0-2 2-0 15.0 0.00 | 0-3 14.2 6.14 |
| STL Hudson (R) | 0-1 7.71 1-1 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-1 12.0 4.50 |
| Cin Mahle (R) | 4:10p 1-1 7.82 | 1-2 2-0 23.0 3.13 | 1-1 12.2 7.82 |
| Mia Hernandez (R) | 1-1 4.22 1-1 | 0-0 4.2 5.79 | 1-1 15.2 4.02 |
| Atl Anderson (R) | 7:20p 1-1 6.48 | 1-1 1-1 12.1 6.57 | 2-1 14.1 5.02 |
| NYM TBD | 0-0 0.00 0-0 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 |
| Ari TBD | 8:10p 0-0 0.00 | 0-0 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 |
| LAD TBD | 0-0 0.00 0-0 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 | 0-0 0.0 0.00 |
| SD Darvish (R) | 8:40p 1-1 6.28 | 1-2 2-3 30.0 2.70 | 1-1 14.1 6.28 |

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, late
Boston at Tampa Bay, late
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, late
Toronto at Houston, late
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, late
Kansas City at Seattle, late
Texas at Oakland, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Tampa Bay, 1:10p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 1:10p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 1:35p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Minnesota, 2:10p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 2:10p.m.
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 4:07p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 4:07p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:10p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Cleveland 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Toronto 3, Boston 2
Minnesota 1, Kansas City 0
Oakland 6, Baltimore 4
Texas 8, Seattle 6

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Yankees:** The 2nd U.S. Court of Appeals has denied a request by the Yankees to rehear the team's attempt to keep sealed a letter from baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred to general manager Brian Cashman detailing an investigation into sign stealing. In a brief order without explanation Thursday, the appellate court said its active judges had denied the team's petition to have the entire 13-member court hear the case or order a rehearing before a three-judge panel. Circuit Judge Joseph F. Bianco ordered the letter unsealed on March 21 after hearing the case with Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston and Circuit Judge Gerard E. Lynch. They upheld an April 2020 ruling by U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff to dismiss a lawsuit by fantasy sports contestants who claimed they were damaged by sign stealing in Major League Baseball. Rakoff also ordered Manfred's letter be unsealed. The five men who sued participated in fantasy contests hosted by DraftKings from 2017-19. Manfred ruled in January 2020 that the Astros violated rules against electronic sign-stealing during home games en route to their World Series title in 2017 and again in 2018. He suspended manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow for one season each, and both were fired by the team. Manfred fined the Astros \$5 million, the maximum under MLB rules and stripped the team of its next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks. Manfred fined the Red Sox in 2017 for using Apple Watches to pass along signals and fined the Yankees a lesser amount for improper use of a dugout telephone in an earlier season. He concluded in April 2020 that sign-stealing efforts by the Red Sox

on their way to the 2018 title were less egregious than those by the 2017 Astros. Alex Cora, who had lost his job as the Red Sox manager, was suspended for the 2020 season for his role as the Astros' bench coach.
■ **Marlins:** Marlins infielder Joey Wendle is guaranteed \$4,625,000 under a one-year contract that avoided salary arbitration, a deal that could be worth up to \$11.55 million for two seasons. Wendle gets a \$4.55 million salary this year under the contract agreed to late Thursday, and the deal include a \$6.3 million mutual option for 2023. Wendle had been scheduled for a hearing Tuesday. He had asked for a raise from \$2.25 million to \$4.9 million and had been offered 4.35 million.
■ **Cubs:** Clint Frazier's injury-plagued career took yet another hit on Friday when the Cubs announced that the outfielder has been sidelined because of appendicitis. Frazier was put on the 10-day injured list, retroactive to Wednesday. The 27-year-old Frazier missed the final 82 games of last season with the Yankees because of vertigo. He signed a one-year, \$1.5 million contract with the Cubs after being released by the Yankees on Nov. 19. Frazier was batting .143 (3 for 21) with two doubles and two walks in 10 games for the Cubs.
■ **Giants:** The Giants placed right-hander Anthony DeSclafani on the 10-day injured list with right ankle inflammation Friday. Manager Gabe Kapler made the announcement prior to the Giants' game against the Nationals. DeSclafani (0-1, 6.08 ERA) allowed five runs and nine hits over five innings in a loss to the Mets on Thursday. Kapler said the plan is for DeSclafani to have an MRI on Monday.

LATE THURSDAY: OAKLAND 6, BALTIMORE 4

| BALTIMORE | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|------|
| Player | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
| Mullins cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .196 |
| Santander lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .275 |
| Mancini dh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .234 |
| a-McKenna dh | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .200 |
| Mountcastle 1b3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .235 | |
| Odor 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .161 |
| Hays rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | .244 |
| Urias 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .186 |
| Bembom c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .063 |
| Matteo ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .250 |
| TOTALS | 31 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 9 | |
| OAKLAND | | | | | | |
| Player | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
| Kemp lf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .311 |
| Neuse 3b | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .368 |
| Murphy c | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | .259 |
| Brown 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .182 |
| Bethancourt dh4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | .000 |
| Kinney rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .118 |
| Drus ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .234 |
| Allen cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .208 |
| Chen 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .167 |
| TOTALS | 35 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 7 | |
| BALTIMORE | | | | | | |
| Player | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Hornets fire Borrego after 4 seasons



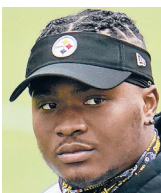
The Hornets fired coach James Borrego after blowout losses in back-to-back seasons in the play-in tournament. Hornets president of basketball operations and GM Mitch Kupchak made the announcement Friday. “I want to thank JB for his hard work and commitment during these past four seasons,” Kupchak said in a release. “Beyond his work as a coach, he is a tremendous person. I wish him and his family the best in the future. These decisions are always difficult.” Kupchak said the team will begin its search for a new head coach immediately. The 44-year-old Borrego was 138-163 in four seasons with the Hornets and had received a multi-year contract extension last August. Charlotte finished 43-39 this season, but was embarrassed in the play-in game for the second straight year. The Hornets have not make the playoffs since the 2015-16 season and have not won a playoff series since the 2001-02 season. Charlotte has improved its win total by 10 in each of the past two seasons under Borrego and the coach expressed his optimism about the team moving forward after exit interviews.

Hockey Hall of Famer Lafleur dies



When Guy Lafleur was selected by Montreal with the No. 1 pick in the 1971 NHL draft, he was billed as the Canadiens’ next great Quebec-born player. A dynamic forward with blonde locks that rippled in the wind as he glided up the ice before unleashing one of his bullet shots, Lafleur was expected to become hockey’s new French Canadian icon. It just took him a while to get there. “There was a lot of pressure,” former Canadiens coach Scotty Bowman said Friday. “But he worked through the pressure and he became a player of his own.” Inspiring a generation along the way. Lafleur, a Hall of Fame forward who helped Montreal win five Stanley Cup titles in the 1970s, has died at age 70 following a battle with lung cancer. “A special person,” Canadiens alternate captain Brendan Gallagher said. “We’re really proud to wear this Montreal Canadiens logo in large part because of individuals like Guy Lafleur.” Lafleur registered 518 goals and 728 assists in 14 seasons with Montreal. With the flashy forward leading the way, the Canadiens won it all in 1973, and then four more times from 1976 to 1979.

Teammates, coaches mourn Haskins



Former teammates and coaches bid farewell to Dwayne Haskins during an emotional memorial service on Friday, a little less than two weeks after the 24-year-old quarterback died after being struck while walking on a South Florida highway. Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, former Ohio State coach Urban Meyer and current Ohio State coach Ryan Day were among several hundred mourners that attended a 90-minute service at Allegheny Alliance Church in Pittsburgh’s North Side neighborhood, not far from Heinz Field, where the Steelers play their home games. Tomlin, Haskins’ wife, Kalabrya, former NFL teammate Steven Sims, Haskins’ agent, Cedric Saunders, and longtime friends Mohamed Jabbie and Mykel Traylor-Bennett spoke during the service, which was closed to media outlets. Attendees were handed yellow roses after walking out the front of the church and three doves were released in tribute to Haskins. The service is the first of three to honor the former Ohio State star and 2019 first-round pick of the Commanders. —Associated Press



In a photo provided by Melissa Hutchinson, Aidan Hutchinson takes a selfie with family and fans after Michigan’s win over Ohio State on Nov. 27, 2021, in Ann Arbor, Mich. **AP FILE**

NFL DRAFT

A household name

For Hutchinson, nothing stronger than family bond

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Aidan Joseph Bernardi Hutchinson is an impressive reflection of his parents and his middle names honor a great-grandfather who was part of the World War II jungle fighting unit known as “Merrill’s Marauders.”

Jacksonville is expected to select Hutchinson, who appears to be the total package as a player and person, with the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft next Thursday.

It’s easy to see why the Jaguars would want him after watching what Hutchinson did last year at Michigan, where he set a single-season school record with 14 sacks.

Scouts who searched for more about his background found out Chris and Melissa raised a well-rounded son, uniquely shaped by a close-knit family that includes two older sisters, Mia and Aria.

Few, though, seem to know Hutchinson can trace his lineage to the late Joseph Bernardi, an Army Ranger who was part of a secret mission in 1944 that began with 2,000 U.S. soldiers behind enemy lines in Japanese-occupied Burma and ended with approximately 200 Americans surviving.

Bernardi battled hunger, disease and enemy troops while trekking roughly 1,000 miles to capture a Japanese-held airfield and was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

“He was one of the very few that made it out alive,” Hutchison said in an

interview with The Associated Press. “And, that is just an insane story.”

Hutchinson wore his great-grandfather’s dog tag against Ohio State during his freshman year, but was afraid of losing it and didn’t wear them in a game again. His mother, meanwhile, had her grandfather’s dog tag with her at every Michigan game the past three seasons. Bernardi, who was born in Medeglia, Switzerland, died 15 years ago at the age of 84.

Back then, Hutchinson dreamed of playing at Michigan as his father did as a captain and Big Ten defensive lineman of the year in 1992 after matching a then-school record with 11 sacks.

Hutchinson’s mother, Melissa, an artistic photographer and former model, treasures images she made of her young son wearing Chris’ battered maize winged helmet and a kid-sized jersey with No. 97, his father’s and his future number with the Wolverines.

Aidan Hutchinson, though, was not allowed to play football until he was in seventh grade.

Like a lot of kids, he played soccer and flag football. Unlike many future NFL players, he taught himself how to play the ukulele and spent two years as a competitive dancer.

In the fifth and sixth grades, he joined his sisters to train at a studio about six days a week and entered competitions in contemporary dance.

“It was normal to us because the three of us would make up dances and musicals and perform them for our parents at home,” said Mia Hutchinson, a photographer, who manages her brother’s social media accounts and creates content for him.

“When Aidan started playing football in the seventh grade, he was locked in on his dreams in football. To see him

on the precipice of fulfilling his dream is the most beautiful thing.”

Hutchinson’s dream hit a snag during the pandemic-shortened, two-win 2020 season, when his right ankle broke early in the third game against Indiana. Melissa Hutchinson is convinced the injury was a blessing.

“Breaking his ankle brought him out of the negative experience that year and into a healing environment at home,” she said. “He needed to train his mental with manifestation and positive energy, living as if he was pulling the future into the present. What he did with his mental was nuts by visualizing full mobility of his ankle, being in NFL games and much more.”

To bounce back from the injury and prepare for his senior seasons, a relentless strength and conditioning program whipped Hutchinson into the best shape of his life.

It paid off for him, and Michigan.

Hutchinson capped a productive season with a spectacular, three-sack performance against Ohio State to help bring an eight-game losing streak in the rivalry to an end. The Heisman Trophy runner-up led the Wolverines to their first Big Ten title since 2004 and into the College Football Playoff for the first time.

Hutchinson’s next step in life in the league will likely be his biggest, and yet he knows that counting on his family is a source of comfort in the chaos.

“With my parents, they’ve been my support system since Day 1 and having them at my back is so beneficial for me and my whole career,” Hutchinson told the AP. “I know this transition is going to be difficult for the NFL. But having them, my sisters and my parents, I know they have all my best interest at heart.”

NBA PLAYOFFS

Simmons hopeful to debut in Game 4

News services

Ben Simmons hopes to play for the Nets during their first-round series against the Celtics, though he probably won’t be ready for Game 3 on Saturday.

Simmons said Game 4 on Monday is more likely. “I think it’s reasonable to think that, but it’s day to day,” Simmons said after practice Friday. “I can’t tell you definitely Game 4, Game 3. If I could play right now, I’d be on the court.”

Simmons didn’t play for the 76ers this season, then injured his back after being traded to the Nets in February. He has only recently begun doing more than just individual work while dealing with a herniated disk.

The Nets are down 2-0 in the series. Simmons expects to get another workout Saturday and then a determination will be made if he’s ready to jump in Monday — when they could be facing elimination.

“I don’t want to put too much on Ben. He hasn’t played basketball in this environment for a long time, so it’d be amazing to have him back and to incorporate him into our group on the floor,” Nets coach Steve Nash said. “Obviously we know he gives us size and speed and playmaking and defense and rebounding and all those things that are helpful, but we’ll just have to see how he progresses and not put too much pressure on him coming back.”

Simmons hasn’t played in a game since last June 20, when the 76ers lost Game 7 at home to the Hawks in the second round. He requested a trade afterward and then didn’t play for the 76ers this season, citing mental health concerns. He won’t make any predictions about how well he can play after the layoff, but he insists he wants to try, even with so much rust at such an important time.

“Body-wise, once my body is ready, I want to be able to help this team win. That’s what I’m here for, so I mean, it is what it is,” Simmons said. “I’ve got to get on the floor and help this team win. I’ve been traded to the Brooklyn Nets and that’s what they need me to do.”

Middleton eyes a return in two weeks: Bucks forward Khris Middleton hopes two weeks is all he needs to recover from his sprained left knee and get back to helping his team repeat as NBA champion.

The three-time All-Star is eyeing a return in the Eastern Conference semifinals, assuming the Bucks gets past the Bulls in the first round of the playoffs. The series is tied after the teams split the first two games in Milwaukee.

“They say two weeks,” Middleton said at the morning shootaround. “Hopefully, I’ll be ready or close to getting back on the court around then.”

SATURDAY’S GAMES

76ers vs. Raptors

Where, when, TV: Toronto; 2 p.m. EDT; TNT.
Bottom line: The 76ers visit the Raptors in the Eastern Conference first round with a 2-0 lead in the series. The 76ers won the last matchup 112-97 on Monday led by 31 points from Joel Embiid, while OG Anunoby scored 26 points for the Raptors.
Top performers: Pascal Siakam is shooting 48.7% and averaging 26.4 points over the last 10 games for the Raptors. Embiid is shooting 56.0% and averaging 33.9 points over the past 10 games for the 76ers.

Mavericks vs. Jazz

Where, when, TV: Salt Lake City; 4:30 p.m. EDT; TNT.
Bottom line: The Mavericks visit the Jazz in the Western Conference first round with a 2-1 lead in the series. The Mavs won the last meeting 126-118 on Thursday led by 31 points from Jalen Brunson, while Donovan Mitchell scored 32 points for the Jazz.
Top performers: Bojan Bogdanovic is averaging 20.5 points over the last 10 games for the Jazz. Brunson is averaging 21.3 points over the last 10 games for the Mavs.

Celtics vs. Nets

Where, when, TV: Brooklyn; 7:30 p.m. EDT; ESPN.
Bottom line: The Celtics visit the Nets in the Eastern Conference first round with a 2-0 lead in the series. The Celtics won the last matchup 114-107 on Wednesday led by 22 points from Jaylen Brown, while Kevin Durant scored 27 points for the Nets.
Top performers: Durant is averaging 30.5 points over the last 10 games for the Nets. Marcus Smart is averaging 2.4 made 3-pointers over the last 10 games for the Celtics.

Suns vs. Pelicans

Where, when, TV: New Orleans; 9:30 p.m. EDT; ESPN.
Bottom line: The Suns visit the Pelicans for Game 3 of the Western Conference first round with the series tied 1-1. The Pelicans defeated the Suns 125-114 on Tuesday. Brandon Ingram led the Pelicans with 37 points, and Devin Booker led the Suns with 31 points.
Top performers: CJ McCollum is averaging 2.9 made 3-pointers over the last 10 games for the Pelicans. Landry Shamet is averaging 1.8 made 3-pointers over the last 10 games for the Suns.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

EAST FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

#1 Miami 2, #8 Atlanta 0

April 17: Miami 115-91

April 19: Miami 115-105

Friday: at Atlanta, late

Sunday: at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

x-Tuesday: at Miami, TBD

x-April 28: at Atlanta, TBD

x-April 30: at Miami, TBD

#2 Boston 2, #7 Brooklyn 0

April 17: Boston 115-114

April 20: Boston 114-107

Saturday: at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.

Monday: at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.

x-Wednesday: at Boston, TBD

x-April 29: at Brooklyn, TBD

x-May 1: at Boston, TBD

#3 Milwaukee 1, #6 Chicago 1

April 17: Milwaukee 93-86

April 20: Chicago 114-109

Friday: at Chicago, late

Sunday: at Chicago, noon

Wednesday: at Milwaukee, TBD

x-April 29: at Chicago, TBD

x-May 1: at Milwaukee, TBD

#4 Philadelphia 3, #5 Toronto 0

April 16: Philadelphia 131-111

April 18: Philadelphia 112-97

April 20: Philadelphia 104-101 (OT)

Saturday: at Toronto, 2 p.m.

x-Monday: at Philadelphia, TBD

x-April 28: at Toronto, TBD

x-April 30: at Philadelphia, TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND

#1 Phoenix 1, #8 New Orleans 1

April 17: Phoenix 110-99

April 19: New Orleans 125-114

Friday: at New Orleans, late

Sunday: at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

x-April 28: at New Orleans, TBD

x-April 30: at Phoenix, TBD

#2 Memphis 2, #7 Minnesota 1

April 16: Minnesota 130-117

April 19: Memphis 124-96

April 21: Memphis 104-95

Saturday: at Minnesota, 10 p.m.

Tuesday: at Memphis, 7:30 p.m.

x-April 29: at Minnesota, TBD

x-May 1: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State 3, #6 Denver 0

April 16: Golden State 123-107

April 18: Golden State 126-106

April 21: Golden State 118-113

Sunday: at Denver, 2:30 p.m.

x-Wednesday: at Golden State, TBD

x-April 29: at Denver, TBD

x-May 1: at Golden State, TBD

#4 Dallas 2, #5 Utah 1

April 16: Utah 99-93

April 18: Dallas 110-104

April 21: Dallas 126-118

Saturday: at Utah, 3:30 p.m.

Monday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

x-April 28: at Utah, TBD

x-April 30: at Dallas, TBD

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Joe Dumars Trophy

2022: Patty Mills, Brooklyn

2021: Jue Holiday, Milwaukee

2020: Vince Carter, Atlanta

2019: Mike Conley, Memphis

2018: Kemba Walker, Charlotte

2017: Kemba Walker, Charlotte

2016: Mike Conley, Memphis

2015: Kyle Korver, Atlanta

2014: Mike Conley, Memphis

2013: Jason Kidd, New York

2012: Jason Kidd, Dallas

2011: Stephen Curry, Golden State

2010: Grant Hill, Phoenix

2009: Chauncey Billups, Denver

2008: Grant Hill, Phoenix

2007: Luol Deng, Chicago

2006: Elton Brand, L.A. Clippers

2005: Grant Hill, Orlando

2004: P.J. Brown, New Orleans

2003: Ray Allen, Seattle

2002: Steve Smith, San Antonio

2001: David Robinson, San Antonio

2000: Eric Snow, Philadelphia

1999: Hersey Hawkins, Seattle

1998: Avery Johnson, San Antonio

1997: Terrell Brandon, Cleveland

1996: Joe Dumars, Detroit

PLAYOFF LEADERS

Through Thursday

SCORING AVERAGE

| Player, TM | GP | Avg. |
|----------------------------|----|------|
| Jimmy Butler, MIA | 2 | 33.0 |
| Donovan Mitchell, UTAH | 3 | 32.7 |
| Jalen Brunson, DAL | 3 | 23.7 |
| Giannis Antetokounmpo, MIL | 2 | 30.0 |
| DeMar DeRozan, CHI | 2 | 29.5 |
| Nikola Jokic, DEN | 3 | 29.3 |
| Jordan Poole, GS | 3 | 28.0 |
| Devin Booker, PHX | 2 | 28.7 |
| Joel Embiid, PHI | 3 | 27.7 |

REBOUNDS PER GAME

| Player, TM | GP | Avg. |
|----------------------------|----|------|
| Jonas Valanciunas, NO | 2 | 19.0 |
| Giannis Antetokounmpo, MIL | 2 | 17.0 |
| Nikola Vucevic, CHI | 2 | 15.0 |
| Rudy Gobert, UTAH | 3 | 13.7 |
| Nikola Jokic, DEN | 3 | 13.0 |
| Joel Embiid, PHI | 3 | 13.0 |
| Al Horford, Boston | 2 | 10.5 |
| Scottie Barnes, TOR | 1 | 10.0 |
| Karl-Anthony Towns, MIN | 3 | 9.7 |
| Tobias Harris, PHI | 3 | 9.3 |

TENNIS

ATP BARCELONA OPEN

BANC SABADELL

At Real Club de Tennis Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; Red clay-outdoors

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#5Carlos Alcaraz d.

#1Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

#8Pablo Carreno Busta d.

#2Casper Ruud (2), 4-6, 7-6(8), 6-3.

#6Diego Schwartzman d.

#3Felix Auger-Aliassime, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

#10Alex de Minaur d.

#4Cameron Norrie, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#1Stefanos Tsitsipas d.

#14Grigor Dimitrov (14), 6-1, 6-4, #2

Casper Ruud d.

Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-2, 6-2.

#3Felix Auger-Aliassime d.

#13Frances Tiafoe, 7-5, 6-4.

#4Cameron Norrie d.

Marton Fucsovics, 7-5, 6-7(9), 6-4.

#5Carlos Alcaraz d.

Jaume Munar, 6-3, 6-3.

#6Diego Schwartzman, d.

Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 7-5.

#8Pablo Carreno Busta d.

#11Lorenzo Sonego, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

#10Alex de Minaur d.

Lloyd Harris, 6-0, ret.

WTA TEB BNP PARIBAS

CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL CUP

At Garanti Koza Arena, Istanbul, Red clay-outdoors

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#2Sorana Cirstea d.

Julia Grabher, 7-5, 6-1.

#3Veronika Kudermetova d.

Anna Bondar, 7-6(9), 7-6(3).

Yulia Putintseva d.

#6Ajla Tomljanovic, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

#7Anastasia Potapova d.

#5Sara Sorbets Tormo, 6-2, 6-2.

WTA PORSCHE TENNIS

GRAND PRIX

At Porsche Arena, Stuttgart, Germany, Red clay-outdoors

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#2Paula Badosa d.

#7Ons Jabeur, 7-6(9), 1-6, 6-3.

#3Arnya Sabalenka d.

#5Anett Kontaveit, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Ludmila Samsonova d.

Laura Siegemund, 7-5, 6-3.

#1Iga Swiatek d.

#8Emma Raducanu, 6-4, 6-4.

ATP BELGRADE OPEN

At Novak Tennis Center, Belgrade, Serbia; Red clay-outdoors

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#2Andrey Rublev d.

Taro Daniel, 6-3, 6-3.

#6Fabio Fognini d. Oscar Otte, 7-5, 6-4.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| z-Florida | 77 | 56 | 15 | 6 | 118 | 325 | 222 |
| x-Toronto | 78 | 51 | 21 | 6 | 108 | 301 | 245 |
| x-Tampa Bay | 77 | 47 | 22 | 8 | 102 | 261 | 217 |
| x-Boston | 77 | 47 | 25 | 5 | 99 | 236 | 209 |
| Buffalo | 79 | 30 | 38 | 11 | 71 | 224 | 280 |
| Detroit | 78 | 30 | 38 | 10 | 70 | 220 | 299 |
| Ottawa | 77 | 29 | 41 | 7 | 65 | 210 | 251 |
| Montreal | 78 | 20 | 47 | 11 | 51 | 200 | 303 |
| METRO. | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
| x-Carolina | 78 | 50 | 20 | 8 | 108 | 260 | 192 |
| x-N.Y. Rangers | 78 | 51 | 21 | 6 | 108 | 244 | 194 |
| x-Pittsburgh | 78 | 44 | 23 | 11 | 99 | 258 | 215 |
| x-Washington | 77 | 43 | 23 | 11 | 97 | 266 | 229 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 77 | 35 | 32 | 10 | 80 | 213 | 219 |
| Columbus | 77 | 35 | 36 | 6 | 76 | 247 | 285 |
| New Jersey | 77 | 27 | 43 | 7 | 61 | 236 | 285 |
| Philadelphia | 78 | 24 | 43 | 11 | 59 | 204 | 286 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| CENTRAL | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| z-Colorado | 77 | 55 | 16 | 6 | 116 | 298 | 212 |
| x-Minnesota | 77 | 49 | 21 | 7 | 105 | 289 | 238 |
| x-St. Louis | 78 | 47 | 20 | 11 | 105 | 293 | 223 |
| Nashville | 74 | 44 | 28 | 5 | 93 | 247 | 227 |
| Dallas | 78 | 43 | 30 | 5 | 91 | 225 | 236 |
| Winnipeg | 78 | 35 | 32 | 11 | 81 | 237 | 252 |
| Chicago | 78 | 26 | 41 | 11 | 63 | 209 | 280 |
| Arizona | 77 | 22 | 49 | 6 | 50 | 189 | 296 |
| PACIFIC | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
| y-Calgary | 78 | 48 | 20 | 10 | 106 | 279 | 195 |
| Edmonton | 77 | 45 | 26 | 6 | 96 | 269 | 237 |
| Los Angeles | 79 | 42 | 27 | 10 | 94 | 228 | 228 |
| Vegas | 78 | 42 | 31 | 5 | 89 | 250 | 232 |
| Vancouver | 78 | 38 | 29 | 11 | 87 | 236 | 223 |
| Anaheim | 78 | 30 | 34 | 14 | 74 | 220 | 255 |
| San Jose | 77 | 30 | 35 | 12 | 72 | 199 | 246 |
| Seattle | 76 | 26 | 44 | 6 | 58 | 200 | 262 |

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MOTORING

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The price of gasoline is seen April 1 at a gas station in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Prices are expected to remain high this summer. **NAMY.HUH/AP**

The open road still beckons

Even with high gas prices, road trips are popular with Americans

By **Marissa Hermanson**
The New York Times

With her 11-year-old cat, Prince, resting on the center console of her Honda CR-V, Michele Peters recently drove 13 hours south from her home in Chesapeake, Virginia, to Osprey, Florida, for some much-needed rest and relaxation.

It had been five years since Peters, 67, enjoyed a long vacation, and \$4 for a gallon of gas wasn't going to stand in her way. "Why I was coming down here — the peace and tranquillity — was worth 10 times that," she said in March, while overlooking Little Sarasota Bay.

Peters, a legal aid attorney, estimated that in recent years she would have paid around \$60 on fuel each way of her roughly 950-mile drive, but with recent hike in gas prices, the cost of her trip almost doubled. She ended up paying around \$115 on gas each way.

Gas prices hit historic highs this year. The average cost of a gallon of gas in the

United States on March 11 was \$4.33, the highest price ever recorded by AAA, the automobile owners group. The national average for a gallon of gas now hovers around \$4.24. Compared to the average price last October, around \$3.20, drivers in the United States are facing a nearly 33% hike to fill their tanks.

But as in years past, the rise in gas prices is not expected to dampen the allure of the open road. Especially with the arrival of spring break and the expectation of summer vacation, many road trippers plan to follow through with their original itineraries — or they will make adjustments by taking shorter routes, choosing destinations closer to home, and spending less on lodging, food and other purchases.

"Historically, gas prices have had very little, if any impact on travel," wrote Cheryl Schutz, vice president of travel insights at the market research firm MMGY Global, over email. "People may change what they spend money on, but they will still travel."

Road trips are now



As in years past, the rise in gas prices is not expected to dampen the allure of the open road. **ANYABERKUT/GETTY**

more popular than they were in 2019, before the pandemic, according to GPS car data collected by the location data company Arrivalist. The company's "Daily Travel Index" has tracked travel patterns in the United States since April 2020, and recently added trending data from 2019. In mid-March, road-trip activity — measured as when a driver travels a minimum of 50 miles and spends a minimum of two hours at his or her destination — was higher than the index's 28-day rolling average, the first time in two years. And nearly 80% of 1,096 Americans surveyed earlier in March by the travel site The Vacationer

say they plan on taking a summer road trip.

"On the immediate horizon, travelers have not changed their plans," said Devin Gladden, a spokesperson with AAA. "They are expecting costs to be higher. They had these trips planned, and they want to follow through with them."

James Willamor, 42, expects to keep his spring break itinerary to New Mexico. He planned to travel with his two children from their home in Raleigh, North Carolina, in his Subaru Outback, and visit the White Sands, Guadalupe Peak and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks and camp at state parks along

the way.

"Even with gas prices going up, it would be hard to fly somewhere and get hotels for two weeks for nearly the same price," said Willamor, who works in information technology support.

In recent weeks, Willamor has cut down on unnecessary local driving and is working from home a few days a week. On the road, he checks pump prices on the GasBuddy app and uses rewards programs to save a few cents on each gallon. Willamor also has a credit card with 2% cash back on gas purchases and his family plans to pack lunches and cook dinners at campsites. "Combine all that and we will save a little bit," he said, estimating that he will spend around \$800 on fuel during his trip.

It's expected that gas prices will continue to be expensive this summer. In the spring, gas stations will switch to summer-grade fuel, a more expensive, environmentally friendly blend that's better for ozone levels during hot months. It will add 7 to 10 cents per gallon, according to Gladden of AAA.

A greater roadblock for some potential road-trippers is the continuing shortage of rental cars.

Low fleet inventories, coupled with supply-chain issues for new cars and car parts, continue to plague hotels for two weeks as they struggle with continuing high demand. Rising costs are a result. In February, the average rental car rate was \$75 per day on the travel booking website Kayak, a 50% increase compared to the \$50 average in February 2019.

Travel agents who once booked rental cars for clients are considering alternatives.

"There's different ways to work around the situation," said Mary Cropper, an agent at Audley Travel in Boston who plans custom road trips in the Southwest. To avoid rental cars in Las Vegas and Tucson, Arizona, both popular with tourists, she'll arrange for her clients to use free hotel shuttles from the airport and organize tour groups that pick up and drop off clients at their lodging. She'll book rental cars only for destinations farther afield, like the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley in Utah.

"It's really just about making sure it's as efficient as possible," Cropper said about travel planning this year. "I can tell people are really itching to get out of town and they are open to ideas."

Toyota unveils first electric vehicle since RAV4

Associated Press

DETROIT — Toyota, the top-selling automaker in the U.S., is rolling out its first fully electric vehicle in eight years.

The company recently unveiled the battery-powered bZ4X small SUV, which starts at \$42,000 and can go up to 252 miles per charge.

The bZ4X, which will be sold globally, adds to the 38 electric vehicle models now on sale in the U.S., with

more than 120 expected by 2025.

While it doesn't have ground-breaking range or performance for an electric vehicle, the bZ4X is an important entry because it's from a trusted brand that will convince some buyers to make the switch from internal combustion engines, said Stephanie Brinley, principal analyst for S&P Global Mobility.

"You've got buyers who are interested in checking this out but may not be

willing to try a new brand, or leave (Toyota) to go to Chevrolet or Ford," Brinley said. "As we transition to a market that is more dominated by electric vehicles, the answer is really convincing normally ICE (internal combustion engine) owners to try something new."

The bZ4X looks similar to and is slightly longer, lower and wider than Toyota's RAV4, the top-selling vehicle in the U.S. that isn't a pickup truck. It is Toyo-

ta's first EV since 2014, when it last sold an electric version of the RAV4.

Like most electric vehicles, it's fast when compared with internal combustion engine vehicles. The all-wheel-drive version can go from zero to 60 miles per hour in as little as 6.5 seconds, Toyota says.

Sales will start in states that have zero-emissions vehicle requirements, then spread to the rest of the U.S., Toyota said.

When the bZ4X arrives



The battery-powered Toyota bZ4X SUV is the automaker's first electric vehicle since 2014. **TOYOTA**

in U.S. showrooms in May, owners likely will have to hurry to get the \$7,500 federal tax credit. The

automaker expects to reach a 200,000-vehicle cap on the credits before the end of June.



The 2022 GMC Hummer EV. GMC

AUTO REVIEW

To the moon in the GMC Hummer EV supertruck

By Henry Payne
The Detroit News

PHOENIX — Enter the Chandler Fashion Mall southeast of Phoenix and a big, vertical advertisement stops you in your tracks with three white letters highlighted against a black background: WTF.

Step close and faint gray letters explain the acronym: WATTS TO FREEDOM.

The GMC Hummer EV supertruck has landed. Imagine 1,000 horsepower, 9,000 pounds, 35-inch all-terrain tires. All-wheel steering. Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. WTF, indeed.

Strapped into my Hummer tester, I tug the “traction control” button on the dash twice and supertruck enters “watts to freedom” mode. Launch control ready. Flatten the brake pedal. Flatten the accelerator pedal. Release the brake.

The truck explodes forward like a rocket, crushing my body into the seatback.

I blow past 60 mph in just over 3 seconds on my way to the moon.

You can’t truly appreciate the Hummer EV until you take it off-pavement.

2022 GMC Hummer EV

Vehicle type: Battery-powered, all-wheel-drive, four-door pickup
Price: \$79,995 (\$112,595 First Edition as tested)
Powerplant: 205-kWh lithium-ion battery driving two or three electric motors
Power: 1,000 horsepower, 1,200 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Single-speed automatic
Performance: 0-60 mph, 3.0 seconds (mfr.); towing capacity, 7,500 pounds
Fuel economy: 329 miles

Consistent with its limited 329-mile range, Hummer is a hoot on nearby off-road parks.

Its 80-plus inch width brings balance that complements its inherent EV athleticism. Its electric drivetrain means no vulnerable gas tanks, mufflers or pigs (rear differential) protruding from its belly.

Starting with 10 inches of ground clearance, Hummer sports 9.5 inches of suspension travel in top trims, thanks to air suspension. The GMC’s “extract mode” can ratchet itself 16 inches off the ground to clear obstacles. Or crouch to 6.5 inches for WTF sprints.

But my favorite tool is

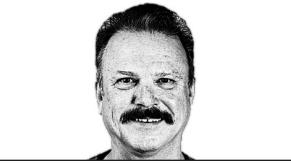
all-wheel steer. Available beginning with the \$89,995 2x trim, 4WS enables Hummer’s “crab walk” mode.

I self-drove to Boulders using Super Cruise. GMC has hung huge screens across the dash. Hummer contracted with the Unreal game engine for state-of-the-art graphics and Google for navigation as easy as your smartphone. Interior room is palatial, and you can go topless by unlatching roof panels and stowing them in the frunk. The pickup bed out back is five feet long and punctuated by GMC’s signature six-way Multi-Pro tailgate.

There are hiccups, to be sure. The upright windshield means no head-up display option and lots of A-pillar wind noise when you hit 70 mph on the interstate. Long-distance trips might be daunting due to GM’s oversight in not incorporating Tesla-like navigation between third-party superchargers.

But the Hummer EV is a serious leap in showing off EV performance. It’s an ambitious achievement accomplished in an impossibly short time to explore the tech frontier. An achievement only an American truck brand could pull off. Moon shot landed.

How does the gas pedal work?



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: I get in the car and step on the gas and the car takes off. How does this work? How does the engine respond to my foot on the gas pedal?
— R.H., Hinsdale, Illinois
A: It’s all about air and how much of it enters the engine. From carburetors to computer-controlled fuel injection, the science has remained the same. Press the pedal and the throttle plate opens to allow the air to get sucked in. Most engines rely on a mass airflow sensor located ahead of the throttle plate to measure the airflow and then, based on that data, the injectors squirt the right amount to maintain an air-fuel ratio of exactly 14.7 to 1.

Q: I do not understand the constant call for people to slow down and save gas, a call being re-emphasized as gas prices zoom up. Why is that a proper call? Here’s my thinking. The sticker on any car in any showroom states the mpg for city driving and the one for highway driving; the latter is always higher because one is driving faster and less encumbered. Fuel is being more efficiently used when one is cruising unimpeded down the highway. I get better mileage (by far) in highway driving as against stop-and-start driving. As I see it faster, less-impeded driving is more economical than grandpa’s driving mode.
— T.B., Winter Park, Florida
A: As speed increases, drag, caused by pushing air, also increases. There is an optimum speed above which fuel economy suffers. I could quote the formula that the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)



How a vehicle accelerates is all about air and how much of it enters the engine. DREAMSTIME

developed, but only an engineer would probably get it. I certainly don’t. Like Sammy Hagar sang, “I can’t drive 55.” But it might help.

Q: I own a 1965 Chevy Impala, 283 CID, 4-BBL, 2-speed Powerglide, dual exhaust convertible. My very first car back in 1971 was a ’65 Impala but, as most of us did, I trashed it. I bought this one in 2005, and when I go to car shows, there sometimes are discussions as to what car holds the record as the most manufactured automobile in a single year. I have heard that the ’65 and ’66 Impala hold the record consecutively and have, so far, never been surpassed. Can you verify this for me?
— B.O., Fishkill, New York
A: I had a 1965 Impala SS, dark green metal flake, 283 CID, 4-barrel Rochester carb, tucked and rolled interior. It was trashed by someone who rear-ended me. I miss that car. Now it’s my turn to do the asking: Dear readers, can you help

me answer B.O.’s question?

Q: Should small engines on lawnmowers and snow throwers, etc. be run dry at the end of the season or does that cause damage?
— B.K., Riverwoods, Illinois
A: Although doing so is a good idea, many of us are probably too lazy to run the tank dry. It is easier to just add some fuel stabilizer such as Sta-Bil, which helps avoid varnish buildup, especially in the carburetor. You can’t cause damage by running out of gas.

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A tray of qatayef, the stuffed semolina pancakes that are a traditional staple during the holy month of Ramadan.
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A sweet Ramadan ritual

Qatayef taste best for 1 month out of every year

By Reem Kassis
The New York Times

Mohammad Ahmed Mattour has been running Halawiyat Al-Bustan, one of the most famous pastry shops in Ramallah, in the West Bank, since he took it over from his father in 1994. Giant platters of desserts, from baklava and knafeh to basbousa and kullaj, line the windows and shelves year-round. But come Ramadan, the balance of business shifts, and qatayef, stuffed semolina pancakes, take center stage.

"We sell about 200 a day," said Mattour, 43. "Not pieces.

Kilos." Throughout the month, especially near the hour of iftar — the breaking of the daily fast — the line outside the shop spills into the street, with at least 30 people waiting at any given moment.

Mattour's shop is not alone: The scene is the same at other pastry shops across Ramallah and cities throughout the Arab world.

Today, there are two common varieties of these pancakes, which are cooked only on one side. One is stuffed with either cheese or walnuts, folded into a half-moon, then fried or baked and soaked in syrup. The other, smaller in size, is stuffed with cream and only half sealed. It's then drizzled with a thick sugar syrup and eaten fresh.

People usually purchase

the pancakes to take home and stuff, but it's also possible to buy them stuffed and ready to fry or bake, or even stuffed, fried, soaked in syrup and ready to eat.

What really sets qatayef apart from other desserts is the fact that they are a treat usually reserved for Ramadan, which began April 2, and are a sign the holy month has arrived.

"They just taste different in Ramadan," said Eman Al-Ahmed, a fashion designer who lives in Jordan.

Al-Ahmed, 47, makes her qatayef at home and explained that she could prepare them throughout the year, given how easy they are to make. But like most in the Arab world, she and her family eat qatayef only during Ramadan, and they do so every single night of

the month.

"Perhaps it's the nostalgia and the generations long tradition," Al-Ahmed said. "But qatayef are this ritual that brings everyone in the community together."

The tradition is just as strong for Arabs in the United States.

Rawan Shatara, 34, a pastry chef in Grand Rapids, Michigan, who emigrated from Jordan as a toddler, used to make the two-hour drive to Dearborn with her parents several times during Ramadan to buy qatayef. "It's such an ingrained part of the month," she said.

Now, she makes qatayef herself, but she still likes to make the trip to Dearborn, where, she said, "you really feel the atmosphere of Ramadan, just like being back home."

QATAYEF ASAFIRI

Makes: About 30 pieces
Total time: 45 minutes
For the syrup:
½ cup granulated sugar
A squeeze of fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon orange blossom water or rose water, or a combination
For the batter:
1 cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup fine semolina flour
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
½ teaspoon instant or quick-rise yeast
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon ground mahlab (optional, see note)
¼ teaspoon orange blossom water or rose water (optional)
For the filling:
1 cup mascarpone
½ cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon orange blossom water or rose water, or a combination
¼ cup finely ground unroasted, unsalted pistachios, preferably Turkish, for finishing
1. Prepare the syrup:
In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, lemon juice and ¼ cup water. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Lower heat and simmer until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Set aside to cool completely, then stir in ½ teaspoon orange blossom water and ½ teaspoon rose water.
2. Make the batter:
Add 1 ¼ cups plus 2 tablespoons water to a blender or food processor. Add all the batter ingredients and process until smooth. The batter should be quite loose, similar to heavy cream in consistency. Set aside to rest for 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, prepare the filling: Place the mascarpone, heavy cream, confectioners' sugar, ½ teaspoon orange blossom water and ½ teaspoon rose water in a small bowl. Use a handheld electric mixer to whip into stiff peaks. Refrigerate until ready to use.

4. Cook the qatayef:
Place a medium nonstick skillet or griddle over medium heat until hot. Mix batter to ensure it is smooth, then pour separate 1-tablespoon portions of batter into the pan, fitting about 4 circles. Cook qatayef until entire surface is covered in small bubbles and the center loses its sheen, 30 to 45 seconds. (You might be able to cook off more at a time once you've determined the right temperature and consistency of the batter.) If the bubbles are large and sparse, then your batter is too thick; stir 1 tablespoon of water into the batter to thin. Qatayef cook only on one side; the base should be uniformly golden and the top covered in small bubbles. If the disks brown too quickly — or unevenly — underneath before the batter loses its sheen on top, lower the heat slightly.

5. Transfer each cooked qatayef to a large tray lined with a dish towel and cover with another dish towel while you cook the remaining batter.

6. Fill the qatayef: Fold each into a half-moon, bubble side on the inside, and pinch to seal the edges together halfway. Using a teaspoon or a piping bag, fill the opening with the cream, then dip the exposed cream filling into the ground pistachios.

7. Arrange filled qatayef on serving platter. These can be covered in plastic wrap and refrigerated for several hours until ready to serve. To serve, drizzle cooled syrup over the qatayef and offer guests more syrup to add to their individual plates.

Note: Mahlab, the kernel found inside the pit of a cherry, adds a floral and nutty aroma to sweets and gives Arabic cheese its distinct flavor. It is available whole or ground from Middle Eastern grocery stores, but goes rancid quickly, so buy it whole and grind it as needed, storing the rest in the freezer until needed.

How writer Emily Nunn turned salad into a soapbox

By **Kim Severson**
The New York Times

ATLANTA — Emily Nunn won’t drive on the freeways here, so it can take 45 minutes to get from her apartment to the cavernous indoor Your Dekalb Farmers Market, whose inexpensive and bountiful produce selection she prefers.

We hadn’t even reached the lettuce bins before she started in.

“Everybody in the food business hates me,” she said, taking a moment to defend both her vigorous use of mint and her penchant for social-media agitation, particularly when it comes to ageism. “It’s because I have so much fun. And I don’t care anymore.”

The word “everybody” is hyperbole, of course. After years as a food writer at high-profile publications like The New Yorker, Nunn now swims in a much smaller part of the food-media sea: She writes a twice-weekly newsletter about salad.

Nunn, 61, is as surprised as anyone that The Department of Salad is holding steady as the sixth-most-popular paid food newsletter on Substack, which is home to hundreds of newsletters about food and cooking. Hers was a career Hail Mary pass during the first year of the pandemic, when she was eating a lot of salad. She would post photos of them on her Twitter feed with a comment like “Here is another damn salad.”

She sometimes mentioned her tiny hometown, Galax, Virginia, and her Aunt Mariah’s antics, suggested that Republicans perform specific sex acts, or crowdsourced tuna salad recipes.

She also tweeted about how life looked from the vantage point of an older single woman: “I once went to a dinner party with all couples and one of the wives asked me: But what do you do at night? I told her I freebased.”

The Department of Salad could just as easily have been The Department of Dips, she said, because she was eating a lot of them, too.

“Look, I’m not the world’s biggest salad fan,” she said as we arrived back at Department of Salad headquarters — a small, tasteful shotgun apartment with a balcony and a counter full of vinegars in a slightly fancy suburban building.

“I love salad, and I’ve gotten better at salad, but it’s this kind of food writing that I’ve missed,” she said. “I don’t want to be going to the parties in Brooklyn and writing about amping up the flavor of everything. I love it, but I can’t do that. I had to make something of my own.”

The excitement of reinventing yourself can be extraordinary, and the wide world of food provides plenty of opportunity. (See: James Beard, Julia Child, Anthony Bourdain, Carla Hall, etc.)

After a long writing career that included co-creating The New Yorker’s Tables for Two column, reporting for the Chicago Tribune, blogging, contributing to the website Food52 and publishing a book, Nunn found herself living a quiet country life in a leaky converted horse barn in North Carolina that she found on Craigslist. It was a good place, she said, to recover from a rare but treatable form of blood cancer that struck in 2018.

Then the pandemic hit. The money from her well-reviewed 2017 memoir “The Comfort Food Diaries,” which chronicled life after a drinking career and the suicide of her closeted gay brother, was almost gone. She couldn’t get hired by a mainstream publication. She was down to rolling quarters.

Green days



Emily Nunn, seen here in Sandy Springs, Georgia, on Feb. 28, writes the Department of Salad newsletter. “I’m exhausted all the time,” she says. “I always have salad dressing in my hair.” **MELISSA GOLDEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

One of the true glories of a Southern summer is that month or so when the tomatoes pile up next to the cucumbers on the kitchen counter, and the peaches and berries are sweet with juice. Tossing them into salad kept Nunn sane. Her Twitter account, a funny, cranky and political corner of the social-media universe with a modest 18,300 followers, kept her connected.

A food writer suggested on Twitter that she start a salad newsletter. J. Smith-Cameron, the actor who plays Gerri Kellman on “Succession,” tweeted that she would read something like that. By October 2020, Nunn had one going.

The following February, she started charging \$50 a year, or \$5.50 a month. She made \$20,000 right out of the gate. Her followers include British food writer Diana Henry, media personalities like Soledad O’Brien, pediatric surgeons, Vanity Fair writers, people from Cleveland and doulas.

Nunn wouldn’t disclose how many of her more than 17,000 subscribers pay or what she earns now. But she did say she is making more than she did when she was laid off from her job as a roaming feature writer for the Chicago Tribune in 2009.

Her witty newsletters are a bridge mix of information. She might feature an interview with someone with a point of view about salad, or use a recipe from a vintage cookbook or an old menu as a writing prompt. The recipes, like orange and radish salad or herby rice salad with peas and prosciutto, only sometimes include lettuce.

“Salad is a lot of fun because it’s not like lasagna,” Nunn said. “If I was doing a lasagna newsletter it would be like, ‘This time put Italian sausage in it or make a béchamel.’ But there are a million different kinds of salads.”

She interviewed Bill Smith, the celebrated North Carolina chef, on whether the South has a signature salad. “We’re both resigned to the fact that most non-Southerners are always going to try to pin molded gelatin salads on us,” she said.



Nunn shops at Your Dekalb Farmers Market in Decatur, Georgia — her favorite spot for produce. The Department of Salad is holding steady as the sixth-most-popular paid food newsletter on Substack, which is home to hundreds of newsletters about food and cooking.



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He gave her his recipe for garlicky carrot slaw and celery root rémoulade.

For her first newsletter, she had a long chat with Mollie Katzen, who wrote “The Moosewood Cookbook,” and they went deep into the preparation of lettuce.

Lettuce care is a particular skill of Nunn’s. “What’s worse than sand in salad?” she asked. She swishes each variety a few times, separately, in a big stainless steel bowl, then dries them in a spinner she found at a yard sale. She is also good at reviving lettuce and arugula, by wrapping it in slightly damp paper towels and tucking it inside a zip-top bag.

Other tricks include shaving unripe avocado

on a mandoline, using the slices to add a nutty texture to a salad without the sometimes overpowering butteriness of ripe ones.

Nunn is an advocate of putting lots of citrus and soft herbs in salads, and calling on red onion to save the day. “I have this theory that whenever there’s anything wrong with anything, add a tablespoon of very finely chopped raw red onion, and everything will be fine.”

Yukari Sakamoto, author of “Food Sake Tokyo,” is building a collection of favorite Department of Salad recipes.

Sakamoto trusts Nunn’s palate and is a fan of her voice. “It’s a bit sassy, which sometimes has me laughing out loud on a busy Tokyo

train.”

The editor of The New Yorker, David Remnick, who was brought up to regard salad as a close relative of castor oil, says he has been a fan of Nunn’s humor since they both joined the magazine in 1992.

“Getting something that’s authentically funny and not the latest gag of the day, but something that has an innately funny voice and real wit — that’s really rare,” he said. “To see her now bringing the funny as a food writer, I wish I had thought of it long ago.”

On Substack, Nunn is competing with some big names like Alison Roman, a former New York Times columnist whose newsletter (simply called “a newsletter”) holds the top spot on the platform’s paid food list, and pastry chef David Lebovitz, who has been writing a letter from France since 2005.

Other heavy hitters, like Ruth Reichl and Andrew Zimmern, have recently started Substack newsletters, looking to find a successful mix of video, recipes, reader participation and storytelling at a moment when consumer subscription burnout may not be far off.

Nunn’s own burnout may not be all that far off, either. Despite her running joke about getting help from “the boys in the lab,” she does everything herself, with only a light read from

ORANGE AND RADISH SALAD

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 15 minutes
½ cup fresh lemon juice (from 2 lemons)
2 tablespoons sugar
Flaky sea salt
4 large oranges (preferably a mix of Cara Cara and navel oranges), peeled, pith completely removed, citrus sliced into rounds, deseeded and chilled, plus fresh orange zest for garnish if desired
1 bunch red radishes, cut into thin matchsticks and chilled
1. Combine lemon juice, sugar and ¼ teaspoon salt in a jar. Twist on the lid and shake until the sugar and salt dissolve; chill dressing thoroughly.
2. When ready to serve, simply arrange the orange rounds on a serving dish or individual plates, top with a pretty pile of radish matchsticks and drizzle with the dressing. Grate a bit of orange zest on top, if desired, and serve with the tiniest bit of flaky sea salt for finishing, if you like — but that exact amount is best left to individual diners.
— *Recipe from Emily Nunn and James Beard; adapted by Kim Severson*

HERBY RICE SALAD WITH PEAS AND PROSCIUTTO

Makes: 6 to 8 servings
Total time: 30 minutes, plus cooling
Flaky sea salt
2 cups long-grain white rice
3 cups shelled peas, briefly blanched (if fresh) or raw (if frozen)
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
A few thick slices of red onion (these will be removed, so you want them big enough to locate for removal; they are like the booster rockets you leave behind on your way into rice-salad outer space)
2 lemons, zested and juiced, plus additional lemon wedges
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
½ cup slivered basil, plus more to taste
½ cup slivered mint, plus more to taste
¼ cup chopped parsley, plus more to taste
2 or 3 tablespoons sliced chives (or 1 to 2 tablespoons of finely chopped red onion), plus more to taste
12 to 16 slices of prosciutto (optional)
Fresh ricotta (preferably a local or all-natural brand), for serving (optional)
1. Prepare the rice: Bring a large pot of water to a rolling boil and salt it. Stir in the rice. When the water returns to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover and cook the rice at a gentle simmer for about 15 minutes, or until tender but still a bit firm and not at all mushy. Drain the rice in a colander set in the sink, then transfer it to a large bowl. You can refrigerate it after this step or use it once it has cooled completely.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the peas, olive oil, sliced onion, lemon zest and juice, red pepper flakes and ½ teaspoon salt. Allow to marinate, refrigerated, for 20 minutes or up to 3 days.
3. Remove the sliced onion from the pea mixture and discard. Add 5 cups of the cooled or refrigerated rice to the pea mixture, along with the basil, mint, parsley and chives; toss gently to combine. Taste for salt and lemon juice. This is important — get it the way you want it. If the ratio needs a bit more rice, add it from whatever is left. (You should have another cup or so.) You may also wish to add more herbs.
4. Serve in shallow bowls, draping a couple of slices of prosciutto alongside for each person. Alternatively, a spoonful of really good ricotta on top is also delicious. Or serve with both prosciutto and ricotta — although vegetarians and vegans will enjoy this dish without the meat or dairy. Set out lemon wedges to squeeze to taste.
— *Recipe from Emily Nunn; adapted by Kim Severson*

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“I’m exhausted all the time,” she said. “I always have salad dressing in my hair.”

But she’s happy. “I like making a living just being myself.”

Soulful and joyous wines from Bordeaux

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

Sales of Bordeaux in the United States took off last year, rising by 24% in volume, according to the Bordeaux Wine Council, a trade group.

The rise spanned all categories of Bordeaux, the group said, from inexpensive, mass-produced wines to the most prestigious bottles. Partly, it said, it was because of the elimination of the 25% tariffs on certain wines from the European Union that had been imposed in 2019 by then-President Donald Trump in a trade dispute. The tariffs were suspended last year by President Joe Biden.

This is great news for Bordeaux producers who have struggled to rebuild their once-robust market in the United States after both the financial crash of 2008 and a series of image problems that damaged the wine's standing, particularly among younger drinkers and sommeliers.

To these people, Bordeaux seemed a stodgy place where the estates were owned by billionaires, banks or luxury goods corporations. They associated Bordeaux with wealthy status seekers and those obsessed with high scores from established wine critics. Bordeaux producers, they thought, were aristocrats more interested in silk cravats than vineyard dirt.

Here is the truth: Despite the vast amount of attention paid to the most prestigious and expensive chateaus, most Bordeaux producers are small farmers — vigneron who farm the vineyards and make the wines. I have spent much of the past decade seeking out Bordeaux vignerons whose wines can be soulful and joyous, and I have found a surprising number.

In the waning weeks of winter I went shopping



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in New York wine shops for Bordeaux made by vignerons and found these bottles, which I recommend enthusiastically. Some of these producers are tiny. Most farm either organically or biodynamically — Bordeaux as a region was late to this, but I'm seeing more and more major producers moving in the organic and biodynamic direction.

Here are the bottles, in ascending order of price.

Château le Bergey Bordeaux 2020, 14%, \$14: Here is a great Bordeaux value, a wine made from biodynamically farmed grapes that offers the classic, if not especially complex, refreshment prized by longtime Bordeaux lovers. Château le Bergey is the entry-level label of Château l'Escart, which itself is a fine producer. This is a 60-40 blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot, fermented and aged in concrete tanks and made for early consumption. It's

dry and lightly tannic, with earthy flavors of flowers and red berries.

Château Peybonhomme-les-Tours Blaye-Côtes: de Bordeaux 2019, 14%, \$18: Château Peybonhomme-les-Tours is owned by the Hubert family, which has farmed biodynamically since 2000. The estate makes a range of wines, including Energies, which is aged in amphora. This bottle, the estate's workhorse, is 70% merlot, 20% cabernet franc and 10% malbec. It's an earthy, juicy pleasure, with just enough of a tannic grip to give the wine structure.

Château la Grolet Côtes de Bourg Origines 2019, 13.5%, \$19: This is Right Bank Bordeaux of the old school: soft, beautifully balanced and approachable, yet lean, pure and refreshing, with enough acidity to give life and shape to the wine. Grolet, also owned and farmed by the Hubert family, is a great value, year in and year out.

Origines is 70% merlot, 15% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc and 5% malbec.

Château du Champ des Treilles Bordeaux Le Petit Champ 2019, 14.5%, \$23: In Ste.-Foy, on the eastern edge of Bordeaux, Corrine and Jean-Michel Comme farm biodynamically on limestone and clay soils. They make two reds. One is barrel aged and is considered the "grand vin," and this one, Le Petit Champ, is aged in steel vats. The 2019, 60% merlot, 30% cabernet franc, 8% cabernet sauvignon and 2% petit verdot, is pure with a delicate, inviting texture, though the tannins are still fairly firm.

Château Falfas Côtes de Bourg Les Demoiselles de Falfas 2020, 14%, \$27: Château Falfas, in the Right Bank Côtes de Bourg area, is a favorite of mine. The top wines of this small estate are superb, but require some aging. Les Demoiselles, the second wine, is made with the

younger vines. It's full of fresh, pure, beautifully focused fruit flavors, yet tannic enough to provide clear but unobtrusive structure. Falfas has farmed biodynamically since 1988, one of the first in Bordeaux's recent history to do so, and practices minimalist winemaking in the cellar. Demoiselles is 75% merlot and 25% cabernet sauvignon.

Château Massereau Vin de France Cuvée Tradition 2018, 13.5%, \$27: Château Massereau makes both sweet wines and dry reds like this one. This cuvée is generally 60% merlot, 30% cabernet sauvignon, with the remainder split between cabernet franc and petit verdot. Massereau used to be labeled Bordeaux Supérieur, but withdrew its wines from the appellation after running afoul of the staid bureaucracy. It now bottles the dry wines as Vin de France. Regardless, it is pointed, precise, savory and refreshing, structured

but not tannic, with a slight herbal edge.

Château Aune l'Hermitage Graves Blanc Cuvée Cana 2018, 13%, \$30: The virtues of dry white Bordeaux are a hard sell, possibly because good examples from the best areas, Pessac-Léognan and Graves, are expensive and not easy to find. I love white Bordeaux and I love the succulence of the sémillon grape. (Cuvée Cana is 50% sémillon, 35% sauvignon blanc, 10% sauvignon gris and 5% muscadelle, an unusual blend in a region where sémillon and the other grapes have lost ground to sauvignon blanc.) Like chenin blanc, sémillon has a floral, honeyed flavor, a mineral tang and a luscious texture that keeps me rolling it around in my mouth because it feels so good. Aune l'Hermitage farms its vineyard organically on gravelly sand and clay.

Domaine de Galouchey Vin de France Vin de Jardin 2018, 13.5%, \$45: Tiny Domaine de Galouchey is situated between the Garonne and the Dordogne rivers. It could use the simple Bordeaux appellation, but has instead taken the appellation Vin de France. That appears on the label in much smaller print than the fanciful Vin de Jardin, a pointed contrast to the movement popular in the 1990s called vins de garage, or garage wines. The vineyard is farmed organically. This cuvée is primarily merlot but also includes minute percentages of white grapes. The result is a delight to drink, fresh and alive, with earthy, stony flavors of flowers and red fruits. One of the partners in Galouchey, Marco Pelletier, is also a world-class sommelier and an owner of Vantre, an excellent wine-oriented bistro in Paris.

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Add chili flakes to the shrimp for a bit of pizzazz. KARY OSMOND/TNS

Make garlic shrimp your appetizer — or full meal

By Kary Osmond | Tribune Content Agency

Here’s the perfect recipe to serve at your next get-together. It’s quick and delicious. The shrimp takes in all the wonderful flavors of the garlic and has a bit of zip with the added chili flakes. Not only is this a stellar appetizer, but it can be served with rice or salad as a meal.

Garlic shrimp

Makes: 3 to 4 servings
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon minced garlic (about 2 garlic cloves)
¼ teaspoon red chili flakes
1 pound shrimp, 16 to 20 count, peeled, deveined and tail left on
Salt
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley

4 lemon wedges
1. Melt butter in a large nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat.
2. Add garlic and chili flakes; cook and stir for 1 minute.
3. Add shrimp and a pinch of salt; cook and stir until shrimp is pink and opaque, about 2 to 3 minutes.
4. Stir in parsley and plate with lemon wedges.



With this creamy cheese topping, a tasty dinner awaits you. DERA BURRESON/EATINGWELL

Turn classic spinach and artichoke dip into a meal

By Adam Dolge | EatingWell

Inspired by spinach and artichoke dip, this creamy cheese topping was created to serve on quick-cooking chicken breast cutlets for an oh-so-satisfying meal.

SPINACH AND ARTICHOKE CHICKEN

Makes: 4 servings
Active time: 20 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes
1 (10-ounce) package frozen spinach, thawed
½ cup chopped canned artichoke hearts, rinsed
½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
2 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 pound chicken cutlets
½ teaspoon ground pepper
⅓ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1. Preheat broiler to high.
2. Squeeze as much water from spinach as

possible. Place in a medium bowl and add artichoke hearts, Monterey Jack, cream cheese and mayonnaise. Stir to combine.
3. Pat chicken dry and sprinkle with pepper and salt. Heat oil in a large cast-iron or other oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken to the pan and cook until browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Flip and cook for 1 minute more.
4. Top the chicken with the spinach mixture. Place the pan under the broiler and broil until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of a cutlet registers 165 degrees and the topping is bubbly, 2 to 3 minutes.
Recipe nutrition per serving: 366 calories, total fat: 23 g, saturated fat: 7 g, cholesterol: 108 mg, carbohydrates: 6 g, fiber: 3 g, total sugars: 1 g, protein: 33 g, sodium: 449 mg, vitamin A: 8635 IU



Our recipe tester, Brielle, 10, said, “The recipe was easy to follow and descriptive. The bread tasted wonderful and was very soft and delicious.” ELLE SIMONE/AMERICA’S TEST KITCHEN

All doughs lead to Rome

America’s Test Kitchen

Pizza bianca, which means “white pizza” in Italian, is a popular snack sold at bakeries in Rome.
This type of pizza might seem a little strange at first, because it isn’t topped with any tomato sauce or cheese, but trust us, it’s delicious.

ROMAN-STYLE FOCACCIA

Makes: 8 servings
For the dough:
3 cups (15 ounces) all-purpose flour
1 ½ teaspoons instant or rapid-rise yeast
1 ½ teaspoons sugar
1 ⅓ cups (13 ½ ounces) room-temperature water
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
To finish and bake:
Vegetable oil spray
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1. For the dough: In bowl of a stand mixer, whisk together flour, yeast and sugar. Fit the stand mixer with a paddle attachment.
2. Add water to mixer bowl, start mixer on low speed, and mix until no dry flour is visible, 3 to 4 minutes, scraping down bowl occasionally. Stop mixer and let dough sit for 10 minutes.
3. Add 1 ½ teaspoons salt to mixer bowl. Start mixer on low speed and mix until combined, about 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium-high and knead dough for 8 minutes. (Dough will look shiny, smooth and very wet, almost like cake batter.)

Traditionally, pizza bianca is baked directly on the “floor” (or the stone bottom) of a pizza oven and is lightly charred, bubbly and mostly flat.
For the following recipe, we bake the dough in a baking pan, which makes it puff up like another Italian specialty, focaccia. So think of this recipe as a pizza bianca-focaccia mash-up. Buon appetito!

4. Pour 2 tablespoons oil into a large bowl and evenly coat sides of bowl with oil. Transfer dough to the bowl with the oil and flip dough to evenly coat with oil. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Let dough rise until bubbly and nearly tripled in size, 2 to 2 ½ hours.
5. To finish and bake: While dough rises, adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 450 degrees. Spray the inside bottom and sides of a 13-by-9-inch metal baking pan with vegetable oil spray. Pour remaining 2 tablespoons oil into the baking pan and use a pastry brush to evenly coat pan with oil.
6. When dough is ready, transfer dough to a greased baking pan. Use your fingertips to gently pat and stretch dough out to the corners of the baking pan. (If dough snaps back when you press it to the corners of baking pan, cover it with plastic wrap, let it rest for 10 minutes, and try again.)
7. Let dough sit for 10 minutes. Use a fork to lightly poke the surface of the dough all over about 20 times. Sprinkle rosemary and remaining 1 teaspoon salt evenly over dough.
8. Place baking pan in oven and bake until focaccia is golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes.
9. Transfer baking pan to cooling rack and let focaccia cool in pan for 15 minutes. Cut into pieces and serve.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Ruby red rhubarb is the star in this French-style clafoutis

By Diane Rossen Worthington
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A wonderful new book for any egg lover is Lisa Steele’s “The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook.” It recently came across my desk, and I was intrigued with the author’s story.
Steele, a former Wall Street worker, left her city life for a cozy home on a farm in Maine, where she maintains a farm that produces eggs galore. She now shares her experiences, recipes and lifestyle with her readers.
Steele’s chickens gave her the impetus to write a deliciously enticing cookbook. From fried eggs to omelets and even souffles, the recipes will have you wanting more. I perused the book and found that I wanted to try the combination of roasted rhubarb with a clafoutis (pancake-like) batter.

This classic French dessert, which usually calls for whole pitted cherries enveloped in a pillowy, custard-like batter, can be made with other fruits as well. The author uses fresh rhubarb from her garden. If you can’t find rhubarb, you can use cherries, apples or pears.

ROASTED RHUBARB CLAFOUTIS

Recipes excerpted with permission from “The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook” by Lisa Steele, published by Harper Horizon, 2022.
Makes: 6 to 8 servings
Butter (for greasing the pie plate or skillet)
2 cups sliced fresh rhubarb (½-inch slices)
2 tablespoons plus ½ cup sugar, divided
¾ cup milk
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste or extract
½ teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon butter, melted
½ cup all-purpose flour
Confectioners’ sugar for dusting
1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Use butter to grease a 9-inch pie plate, skillet or other oven-safe dish. Sprinkle the rhubarb with



Once baked, the consistency of the batter will be similar to a loose pudding, but it will firm up as it cools. TINA RUPP/TNS

I love that the rhubarb slices are first roasted with sugar before the batter is poured over the hot fruit. The batter will be thin, like a pancake batter, and the flour should be blended in until the batter is just smooth, so that the clafoutis doesn’t become tough or chewy.

Once baked, the consistency of the batter will be similar to a loose pudding, but it will firm up as it cools. I like to serve it warm. It’s so pretty to look at, I recommend bringing it to the table, setting on a trivet and spooning it out to serve in front of your dinner companions.

2 tablespoons of sugar, toss to coat, and then arrange the rhubarb in an even layer across the bottom. Bake for 10 minutes while you prepare the batter.
2. Add the milk, eggs, ½ cup sugar, vanilla bean paste, ginger and melted butter to a blender and blend until smooth. Add the flour and pulse until incorporated. Pour the batter over the roasted rhubarb. Set the pan on a rimmed baking sheet to prevent overflow, if necessary.
3. Bake the clafoutis 30 to 35 minutes, until the edges are set, and the top is puffed and golden brown. Remove the clafoutis from the oven and let it cool slightly, then dust with confectioners’ sugar. Serve warm if you like more of a pudding consistency or at room temperature for a firmer slice.